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## State of the Boro Address

BY BOB KAPPSTATTER

There's a "New Bronx" a'coming, with much of it already here or close at hand, Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. believes.

It was all part of his mantra that he spread at his annual State of the Borough speech, focusing on safety, education and expansion in the coming year

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# REACHING OUT TO FAMILIES IN NEED

## Throggs Neck community donates to fire victims

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

The Throggs Neck community is coming together to help after a horrific local fire that injured 19 and left three families homeless.

Donations of cash and gift cards were being accepted at St. Benedict's Church after the Thursday, Feb. 13 fire that destroyed one home and severely damaged an attached one on Dean Avenue near Barkley Avenue.

Five firefighters and 14 civilians were injured, mostly from smoke inhalation, with three of the civilians suffering major but non-life threatening injuries, fire officials said.

The Pirraglia family, which owned the destroyed building at 1018 Dean Ave., also had just lost a grandmother when the accidental electrical fire broke out that morning in the middle of a fierce snowstorm.

### Outpouring of help

"People have been really generous," said Father Stephen Norton, pastor of St. Benedict's Church, where the Pirraglias are parishioners. "Because we are who we are, obviously and most importantly, they are asking for prayers," as well as for financial assistance, he said of some of the victims.

The parish decided  
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Firefighters work on blaze as it tears through homes at 1018-20 Dean Ave. in Throggs Neck on Thursday, Feb. 13

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# Squeeze play on Pelham Parkway

## Safety concerns remain over new sidewalk

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

This time it was two trucks that couldn't get through.

But protestors over a narrowed service road on Pelham Parkway South's service road say next time it could be a firetruck.

Despite community protests over potentially blocked emergency vehicles, the city built a four-foot wide sidewalk on the park side of the road in 2012.

With winter snow and ice making it even narrower, two large delivery trucks found themselves blocked in between Williamsbridge Road and Jacobi Medical Center on Friday, Feb. 14 because they could not squeeze past two illegally parked cars on each side of the road near Narragansett Avenue.

Community Board 11's John Fratta, its admin-

istrative manager who is overseeing the parkway reconstruction for the board, said that snow and ice exacerbated the problem because drivers could not park cars right up against the curb.

"This just reinforces what we have said over and over again with DDC (Department of Design and Construction), that placing that sidewalk there and narrowing the roadway is dangerous and could become a nightmare," he said.

"The bottom line is if a firetruck had to get through in a situation like we had Friday, the firetruck would not get through. That has been our bone of contention since Day One when those sidewalks were installed."

At the scene on Friday, truck driver Frank Reynolds, 51, with about 20

years experience, said the two illegally parked cars made it difficult for him to proceed.

"I don't want to risk it, and the police officer here told me not to risk it," he said as he sat parked on the street. "I would have stopped on my own."

Reynolds said he was concerned that the edges of steps on the side of his rig would hit the cars.

Another stuck truck driver, Benjamin Soto, who said he was delivering supplies to Jacobi, had to back up several blocks to Williamsbridge Road.

Dr. David Stevens, a dentist whose practice is along Pelham Parkway South, filed a since dismissed legal challenge to get the city to dismantle sidewalk. He again voiced his concerns about the roadway.

"It is a horrible road," he said, "There is no wig-



Truck driver tries to figure out a way through along Pelham Parkway South service road after being hemmed in, with controversial four-foot wide sidewalk on park side no help. By Dr. David Stevens

gle room here."

Fratta said that further legal action could become a possibility if emergency

vehicles are blocked from getting to the scene of an emergency and people are injured.

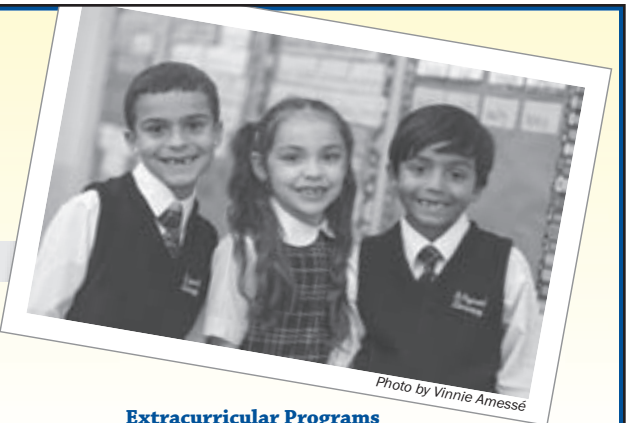
The only acceptable solution to the problem, he said, is to remove the sidewalk completely.



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by Patrick Rocchio

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

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## Rotary News

The Bronx Rotary Club held its monthly meeting on Friday, Jan. 17 with a visitor to the club, Dr. Tom Nipper of the Newtown, CT Rotary Club become an impromptu guest speaker. A Rotarian for over 35 years, Dr. Nipper is an orthopedic surgeon. He responded to a question about his Club's

response to Newtown's Sandy Hook Elementary School massacre in which 20 children and 6 school staff and administrators lost their life. The club amassed about \$750,000 to help the families, and joined with the United Way because the UW had a PayPal Account. Donations poured in from all over the world, from Rotarians and non-Rotarians alike.

# Lenten fundraiser

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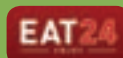
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# Still a 'no go' on City Island project

## City Island Civic Association opposes latest plan for senior home

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

It's still no.

The City Island Civic Association will continue to legally challenge a plan to build a senior apartment building on the island.

After major opposition, the developer scaled down its original plan by 75%, but the association is still not happy over the revised plan by the Italian Hospital Society, which is seeking a variance on local zoning regulations.

The CICA filed another challenge to the variance application before the Board of Standards and Appeals on Tuesday, Feb. 24.

The case is due back before the BSA on Tuesday, Feb. 25, with preliminary discussions on Monday, Feb. 24.

The renewed challenge came as the IHS presented a scaled-down building

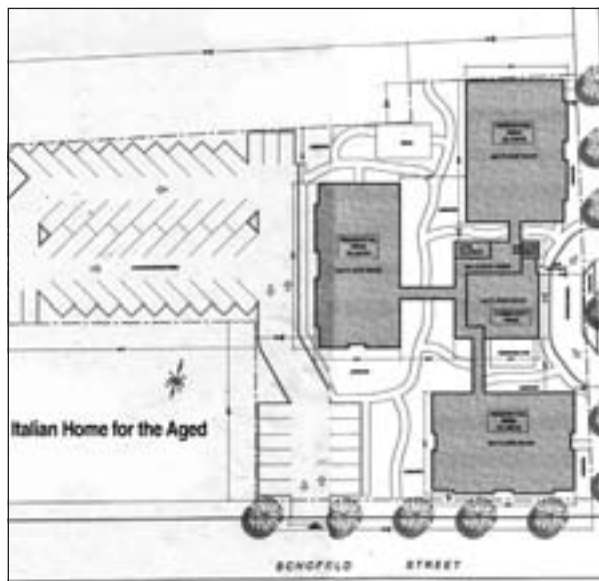
plan that switched it from an assisted living facility with programming and 214-units, to a 54-unit senior apartment complex without programming at Schofield Street and City Island Avenue.

The BSA previously turned down zoning variances for the 214-unit facility and for another plan that called for 150 beds.

Community Board 10's Housing and Zoning Committee voted unanimously on Wednesday, Feb. 12 not to support the latest zoning variance.

"It was a resounding no, they had no interest in supporting that resolution," said Kenneth Kearns, CB 10 district manager.

"There was a lot of consideration, a lot weighing, and debate," he said. "We just felt that the last presentation really did not really answer the commu-



These plans were part of documents filed by the IHS showing what the most recent proposed senior housing facility would look like.

nity's questions, and it almost continually violated community standards, so we voted it down."

He added that the board objected because the plan would still put a residence for frail seniors into a flood

plain (post Superstorm Sandy), and still exceeded the floor area ratio for residential buildings on City Island.

Questions were also left unanswered about parking, handicapped parking, sanitation, or any services that may be available for the elderly population, he said.

The IHS also passed on four alternate plans that would have offered less dense developments for the location, and stuck to their senior housing plan, Kearns added. One of the alternate plans called for just 21 units.

CICA President Bill Stanton called the IHS's presentations and actions "duplicious."

Judging from the track record of its dealings with the community, he said he saw no reason for a change of course.

John Doyle, CICA corresponding secretary, said that it was his understanding that the IHS still wanted to charge upwards of \$1800 per month without any supportive services.

"From an anecdotal standpoint, there is a lot of real estate on City Island where you can get a lot more land for a lot less money than the Italian Hospital Society board members are proposing," said Doyle.

Any discussion of building at the location would also have to involve environmental remediation, according to BSA filings, as the site at 222/32 City Island Avenue was contaminated when it was a boat-building yard.

Dr. Domenico Mignone, IHS president, did not respond to a request for comment as of press time.

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## WEST BRONX BRAWL

That brewing challenge by west Bronx City Councilman **Fernando Cabrera** to state Senator **Gustavo Rivera** has elicited a response from Gustavo that boiled down, translates to "Bring it on!"

Rivera told us he'd rather be working to see more Democrats around the state elected to the Senate — to regain their DULY ELECTED majority without **Jeff Klein's** breakaway four-member Independent Democratic Conference tilting it away by co-leading with the Republicans.

But that said, Gustavo had two responses to the challenge:

Formally about the Cabrera challenge: "We live in a democracy and he is entitled to run if that's what he wants to do. Ultimately, I am focusing on my constituency."

Informally: "If he wants a fight, he's going to get one."

As for Dem Party backing, while it's probably a headache for Party Boss **Carl Heastie** to have to deal with two incumbents going head-to-head in a primary, it looks

as if the party's resources will be available to Gustavo, at least for petition gathering, since he does not have that strong an organization at this point.

## SOUTH BRONX BRAWL

So, with petitioning due to begin March 2 for the congressional races, we eagerly await word from **Councilwoman Annabel Palma** if she's serious about challenging south Bronx Congressman **Jose Serrano**.

We keep hearing two sides to Joe's strength or weakness if he actually finds himself facing a challenge for the June 24 congressional primary, after coasting into office challenge-free since 1990.

The naysayers cite the fact that he's only got \$17,000 in the campaign kitty and no real organization to carry his petitions, do the door knocking and phone banking.

The other camp says he could still easily clobber a challenger, given that he'll still have party backing as an incumbent, easily get union support, and as ranking member of the all-powerful House Ap-

propriations Committee, can fill his campaign coffers overnight from various fat cats.

Meanwhile, it looks like clear sailing for both Congressmen **Eliot Engel** and **Joe Crowley**.

With Manhattan/north Bronx state Senator **Adriano Espailat** and the Dominican camp breathing down his neck, **Charlie Rangel's** situation COULD be another matter. But more about that later.

## STAY TUNED

Sorry to be a tease, but we're sworn to secrecy and can't say it out loud right now. But get ready for an announcement that is gonna shake the local political world in a wide swath of the north Bronx. Hopefully, you'll be seeing it in the column when it goes up on the web Thursday (bx-times.com) and in print on Friday.

## SNOOKI SIGHTING

Former "girls just wanna have fun" Assemblywoman **Naomi (Snooki) Rivera** seen working the room at last weekend's 43rd annual conference of the state legislative black, Puerto Rican and Hispanic Conference in Albany. The

annual gathering attracts minority lawmakers, leaders and community members from across the state as well as a traditional who's who of state politicians. Anybody know what she's been up to these days, give a call....

## BIG NIGHT

Big night Wednesday, Feb. 26 as the Bronx Chamber of Commerce holds The Bronx Centennial Gala at the Marina del Rey, with special guests Boro Prez **Ruben Diaz Jr.**, music legend **Jose Feliciano** and hockey great **Mark Messier**.

Honorees will be Montefiore Medical Center, the Trump Golf Course at Ferry Point Park, Simone Development Marriott Hotel and Kingsbridge National Ice Center.

Black tie is optional, but hey, spiff it up for this \$250 a seat event and help make the Bronx shine.

## CAMERA SHY

BronxNet's cable TV BronxTalk host **Gary Axelbank** grousing a short list of local electeds are

camera shy, not returning phone calls or accepting requests to be interviewed.

We have the names, but we'll cut them some slack - for now. So call Gary, awright already!

## COP CORNER

**Bronx in the house.** With new PC **Bill Bratton** making his chess moves at 1 Police Plaza, it's interesting to note the high ranking moves include two among a number of brass who've made their bones in the Bronx before moving up the greasy pole. Bratton on Tuesday named former Bronx Chiefs of Detectives **Joseph Resnick** and **Robert Boyce** as heads of the Internal Affairs Bureau and Chief of Detectives, respectively.

**A good man.** He may have squeezed our shoes, as cops say, a few time, but former Four-Four Detective Squad boss, Lt. **Jim Ruane**, done good for his 27 years on the job, and most lately keeping us safe at night with the Joint Terrorism Task Force, crossing over next month to the Fordham University "police de-

partment." Best of luck, you mean man!

**Thirty and out.** First Grade Detective **Vic Harris**, the senior man at the 40th Precinct squad in Mott Haven kickin' it in after 30 years, with a shindig Thursday night at Michaelangelo's on Arthur Ave.

**Gremlin.** Oops, sorry, we had a mind melt in the print column last week. It's First Deputy Commissioner **RAFAEL Pineiro** (another former Bronx boss). Apologies.

## ON BOARD

**Elvin Garcia**, who worked as a regional field director for Mayor Bill's general election, named as his Bronx borough director at the Community Affairs Unit in City Hall

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

To Hunter College journalism Prof. **Buddy Stein**, celebrating his fifth year as editor at the Mott Haven Herald.

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# 40th PCT.

**THURS, JAN. 2nd, 12:00 p.m.** – 780 East 138 St. Police are looking for the persons whom removed over two-dozen catalytic converters from a business. The unknown culprits took 31 converters from vehicles belonging to the U-Haul Corporation. An inquiry is underway.

# 41st PCT.

**THURS, JAN. 2nd, 4:15 p.m.** – 768 Hewitt Ave. Authorities are looking into the death of a 36 year old woman. The woman's body was discovered lying in a bathtub with a plastic bag over her head. Detectives are waiting for the Medical Examiner's staff to complete their inquiry before calling the incident a suicide

# 42nd PCT.

**SAT, JAN. 4th, 7:15 p.m.** – 1366 Lyman Pl. Police investigators are looking for the person who damaged a vehicle. The unknown culprit fired several shots with the bullets entering into the parked vehicle. There were no injuries reported.

# 43rd PCT.

**THURS, JAN. 2nd, 10:00 a.m.** – 955 Evergreen Ave. A 21 year old Hispanic male was arrested after being found in possession of a gun. Taken away from the young male was a 32-caliber weapon. The gun was vouched as evidence for the pending court appearances.

**SAT, JAN. 4th, 2:00 p.m.** – 2025 Seward Ave. Police official started searches after a young teen stated that an older male had attempted to abduct her. The 14 year old girl caused police officials to re-deploy members of the Bronx Task Force into the Castle Hill – Sound View communities looking for a Hispanic male. The teen told officials that the male was in a dark colored jeep. Police conducted a search looking for the culprit only to find out later on that the teen had made up the story.

**MON, JAN. 6th, 3:50 a.m.** – 1182 Elder Ave. The medical staff at St. Barnabas Hospital treated a Hispanic male. The 26 year old crime victim was suffering from a stab wound to the left leg. He was reported to be in stable condition. Local detectives are handling the inquiry.

# 44th PCT.

**SAT, JAN. 4th, 10:00 a.m.** – 3073 Park Ave. Police investigators are looking into the death of a black woman. The 20 year old pregnant female was found by her parent lying face down inside an apartment. Local detectives are waiting a report from the Medical Examiner's office which would indicate if there was any criminality connected to the death.

**SUN, JAN. 5th, 1:00 a.m.** –



# POLICE BLOTTER

1356 Walton Ave. A suspect was arrested after a woman was fatally stabbed. Authorities came to the aid of a 34 year old Hispanic woman. The female victim had been stabbed multiple times allegedly by her boyfriend. The woman was transported to Lincoln Medical Center where she expired around 1:30 a.m. The suspect who was arrested is now facing a murder charge.

**SUN, JAN. 5th, 7:50 p.m.** – 711 Walton Ave. A 27 year old Hispanic male was taken into custody. The 27 year old man was found in possession of a 9-mm pistol. Upon checking police were able to verify that the male culprit failed to obtain the proper permit to own a gun in NYC. The weapon was vouched as evidence for the pending trail.

**THURS, JAN. 9th, 12:40 a.m.** – Grand Concourse and East 169 St. A 21 year old black male was arrested after being found in possession of a gun. The unidentified male failed to obtain the proper permit to have a firearm in NYC. The 22-caliber weapon was vouched as evidence for the pending trail.

**THURS, JAN. 9th, 3:30 p.m.** – Public School # 328. Four students were provided with emergency medical treatment at Lincoln Medical Center. The four had been pricked by a fellow student. The 11 year old culprit was turned over to their parent by authorities.

# 45th PCT.

**MON, JAN. 6th, 3:30 p.m.** – Specially trained investigators are looking into a report that a Hispanic woman was sexually assaulted. The 28 year old victim was able to provide information to assist with the rape inquiry. The investigation is ongoing.

# 46th PCT.

**THURS, JAN. 2nd, 9:50 p.m.** – 1720 University Ave. City officials came to the assistance of the residents of five apartment houses. The building lost their electrical power after a fire broke out in two separate manholes. Plows were brought into the area to help located other manholes so that Con Ed crews could make the required repairs. It took several days before power was completely restored.

**THURS, JAN. 2nd, 11:35 p.m.** – 1522 University Ave. A Hispanic male got into trouble with the law enforcement community. The male was found in possession of a 45-caliber pistol. The gun was taken away from the culprit once it was verified

that the weapon was not registered in NYC. The handgun was vouched as evidence.

# 47th PCT.

**FRI, JAN. 3rd, 5:45 p.m.** – Barnes Ave. and East 226 St. A teenager made an unexpected trip to Jacob Medical Center. The 18 year old black male was shot in the left thigh. The teen found his way to the hospital seeking their professional help. Police were summoned to the hospital where the inquiry official started.

**WED, JAN. 8th, 2:30 p.m.** – East 232 St. and White Plains Rd. Police investigators were summoned to Montefiore Hospital's Wakefield Division on East 233 St, after a teen arrived there seeking medical help. The 19 year old Hispanic male was suffering from a bullet wound to the left side of the head in addition to another wound to the lower black. Local detectives are handling the inquiry.

**THURS, JAN. 9th, 3:55 a.m.** – 2829 Edson Ave. Officials are looking for the person who attempted to rob a check cashing store. Wearing a mask, the unknown culprit poured gasoline on the floor of the check cashing store. Faced with the threat of lighting the flammable fluid, the employee refused to give the would be thief any money. So the unknown culprit fled empty handed.

# 48th PCT.

**THURS, JAN. 2nd, 5:30 a.m.** – Southern Blvd. and East 187 St. Police investigators are looking into a vehicle accident that claimed a life. Investigators from Highway 1's Critical Investigation Squad were summoned to the accident scene after a vehicle struck and killed a 52 year old Hispanic male.

**MON, JAN. 6th, 9:00 a.m.** – 694 East 187 St. Police investigators are looking for the culprit who found their way into a closed Chinese Restaurant. The unknown suspect apparently cut the lock on the front gate of the restaurant. Once inside the store, the thief was able to find seven-hundred dollars before fleeing.

**MON, JAN. 6th, 11:20 p.m.** – Honeywell Ave. and East 179 St. Sleuths are searching for the person who committed an armed robbery. Armed with a knife, the unknown culprit robbed an off duty police department volunteer. The thief fled with an unknown amount of money.

**TUES, JAN. 7th, 11:25 a.m.** –

East Tremont Ave. and Crotona Ave. Police investigators were called to a local hospital. A 23 year old black male arrived at St. Barnabas Hospital on his own, suffering from a bullet wound to the left hand. Police at the hospital obtained information from the injured person. Officials later on determined that the bullet wound was apparently self-inflicted.

**WED, JAN. 8th, 7:00 a.m.** – 674 East 180 St. Authorities are looking for the person who broke into a restaurant. The unknown culprit was able to break a lock to gain entry to the Los Amigos Restaurant. Taken in the burglary were the cash register, a television set, and an unknown amount of money. The thief was nice enough to close the front gate before fleeing.

**THURS, JAN. 9th, 8:45 a.m.** – 2012 Boston Rd. Police sleuths are looking for the culprit who shot a male. The male victim was transported to a near-by hospital suffering from a bullet wound to the foot.

**THURS, JAN. 9th, 1:00 p.m.** – 1075 East 175 St. Police officers took a Hispanic man into custody in the West Farms area. The 47 year old man failed to obtain the proper license to have a gun in NYC. Vouched by authorities was a shotgun.

# 49th PCT.

**THURS, JAN. 2nd, 5:40 p.m.** – 2818 Bronx Park East. An inquiry was started after officials learned of a shooting. The incident claimed the life of an 18 year old black male. Investigators indicated that the teen victim had been shot in the head and expired at the crime scene.

**MON, JAN. 6th, 2:35 p.m.** – 900 Lydig Ave. Police officers from the Emergency Service Squad assisted local police officers who were faced with a barricade situation. A 36 year old male suffering from a mental disorder locked himself inside the bathroom. The man was threatening to hurt himself officials indicated. Once in custody, the man was transported to a neighborhood hospital.

# 50th PCT.

**FRI, JAN. 3rd, 5:00 p.m.** – 85 West Kingsbridge Rd. Authorities are looking into a robbery of a cell phone store. The unknown culprit robbed the store at gunpoint officials reported. The thief fled with several cell phones and an unknown amount of money after striking the worker in their face.

**SAT, JAN. 4th, 2:00 p.m.** – 2861 Exterior St. Specially trained

police officers are looking to interview the occupants of an apartment. Inside the home, officials discovered a marijuana lab. The inquiry is ongoing.

**SAT, JAN. 4th, 3:20 p.m.** – Major Deegan Expwy. and Van Cortlandt Park. A small private aircraft carrying three persons made an emergency landing on the busy interstate roadway. The single engine aircraft had flown down to the Statue of Liberty and was returning back to its home base outside the city when the aircraft developed trouble. Unable to fly to any nearby airports the pilot decided to land on the three lane wide roadway instead of a nearby golf course. Officials stated that none of the occupants were seriously injured. Due to the fuel aboard the aircraft, members of Engine 81 stretched a foam line to protect the aircraft. After firefighters safely removed the fuel from the aircraft it was trucked off the roadway so that federal officials could examine the aircraft to determine its damage and what caused the incident.

# Housing

**SUN, JAN. 5th, 2:20 p.m.** – 530 Olmstead Ave. Police investigators are looking into a fatal shooting. A male who was unresponsive was transported to a nearby hospital, but expired despite the assistance which was provided to him. Sleuths from the 43rd Pct. Squad are working with members of the Bronx Homicide Squad and police officers from Housing's PSA # 8 on this inquiry.

**SUN, JAN. 5th, 8:30 p.m.** – 1440 Sheridan Expwy. Police officers from Housing's PSA # 8 made an arrest. The suspect was charged with prostitution, promoting prostitution, and endangering the welfare of a child.

# Fire Log

**FRI, JAN. 3rd, 2:00 a.m.** – 1228 College Ave. Three families were displaced by a third alarm fire that destroyed their home. Red Cross workers assisted the people who were displaced by the blaze. Bronx Fire Alarm Dispatchers sent additional units on the initial alarm after receiving several calls indicating that there was a fire on the top floor of the building near East 169 St. Tower ladder 44 upon arrival confirmed that there was in deed a working fire on the top floor of the three story dwelling. Battalion 17 indicated that the full first alarm assignment with over 50 firefighters would be put to work. Upon checking, the incident commander learned that the blaze had spread to an adjacent building. A second alarm was sounded with another 50 smoke-eaters responding to assist with extinguishment operations. Hose lines were quickly stretched to the first and second floors of the original building and additional hose lines were ordered into operation in both adjacent structures. Fire was located by the ladder

crews on both floors and on two floors in one of the attached buildings. Division 6 reported that the fire was now traveling onto the third floor and into the cockloft. A heavy fire condition was reported on the upper floors while personnel on the roof reported that flames were now leaping through the roof causing the incident commander to request an additional ladder company to respond. As the intensity of the fire increased a third alarm was transmitted at 2:35 a.m. bringing nearly 40 more firefighters to the scene. Tower ladders helped to contain the flames permitting officials to declare the city's first multiple alarm fire under control shortly after 4:30 a.m.

**SAT, JAN. 4th, 1:30 p.m.** – 752 Pelham Pkwy. Firefighters arriving at an apartment house found a fire on the first floor of a 6 story high apartment house. A hose like was quickly stretched as flames were jumping out of two windows threatening the above apartments. Division 7 reported that two hose lines were stretched and placed into operation. At 1:52 p.m. a second alarm was sounded as the flames were now in two apartments on the second By 2:33 p.m. Division 7 declared the fire under control.

**MON, JAN. 6th, 9:45 a.m.** – 646 Wilcox Ave. A fire was reported in a private home in the Throggs Neck community. Ladder 50 arrived and confirmed what callers indicated that there was in deed a serious blaze. Engines 89 and 72 got water onto the flames as Squad 61 and Engine 64 assisted. Ladders 54 and 47's crews assisted with searches as Division 7 requested an additional engine and ladder companies to respond for a fire on the third floor of the structure before the fire was totally extinguished.

**WED, JAN. 8th, 9:10 p.m.** – 2222 Holland Ave. Another fire was reported near Astor Ave. This blaze callers indicated was in a private dwelling on the second floor. Arriving firefighters confirmed the report finding the spreading blaze within the two story structure. At 9:17 p.m. Battalion 20 reported that the first alarm assignment was involved with conducting searched while engine crews extinguished the fire. Division 7 indicated that all occupants had safely evacuated the home and the fire was under control.

**THURS, JAN. 9th, 6:00 a.m.** – 2584 Briggs Ave. Firefighters were faced with a serious fire in the Fordham – Bedford Park area. The fire apparently started in the boiler room, but it took over 80 fire-fighters to extinguish the fire before it was declared under control. A second alarm was transmitted for the blaze which was in a three story building at 6:36 a.m. Officials indicated that the flames spread to all three floors. Moving the hose lines around the building smoke-eaters were able to extinguish all fire as ladder crews exposed the flames using their hooks and axes.



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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Minimum wage

Dear editor,

As New York City's economy recovers from the recession, thousands of working families in the Bronx and the other boroughs face a grim reality: Although one of their members might have a fulltime job, the weekly wages they earn are not nearly enough to make ends meet.

There are more than 800,000 of the "working poor" in our City, and they struggle to get by -- fighting a daily battle to put food on the table and keep a roof over their heads.

In some cases, like those of New York City's airport workers fighting to earn a decent wage, job holders must also rely on public assistance simply to pay their bills.

These hardworking New Yorkers live in every corner of our City and more than two-thirds are black and Hispanic, according to Comptroller's Office data. A large number are young people whose low-paying jobs offer only limited prospects for economic advancement.

It's also a gender issue: Women make up two-thirds of all employees earning low-paying salaries, according to census statistics. In New York state overall, they typically make 83.6% of what men earn -- a 16.4% disparity.

More than 25% of New Yorkers facing these conditions live in the Bronx--over 200,000 people--and much of the problem can be blamed on the state's paltry minimum wage, which is currently pegged at \$8.00 per hour and is scheduled to rise to \$8.75 next year. It is hard to imagine raising a family on such a paycheck, but that's the harsh bottom line so many confront. What's worse is that the wage, set by the state legislature, does not reflect our City's economic realities. Employers pay the same hourly rate in Rochester, Syracuse and Albany as in New York City, which has the nation's highest cost of living. Clearly, one size does not fit all when it comes to the minimum wage.

That's why I am calling for the legislature to give our City the power to set its own minimum wage, like a growing number of American cities which have been able to help millions of working families. We need to have that same conversation in New York, and correct a gross economic injustice.

I recently testified about this before the state legislature, and pointed out that the benefits of raising minimum wage would pay dividends, not only to working families, but to small businesses which would profit from a huge infusion of cash into our local economy. Raising the minimum wage in New York City to \$11.00 per hour would provide an additional \$2 billion in annual income to these families. It would be a "win-win" at a time when so many have yet to experience the benefits of a recovering economy.

Last year our state took a big step by increasing the minimum wage to \$8.75 in 2015, but we can and must do more to help working families in the Bronx and other communities. I hope you will join our campaign to give New York City the right to set its own minimum wage. Please check my website -- for more information.

City Comptroller Scott M. Stringer,

## Property tax

Dear editor,

Mayor de Blasio has expressed his concern about "inequality." However, it does not seem very fair that his home in Park Slope is valued at \$1.4 million and he only pays \$2,900 in property taxes. This is a matter of public record.

Meanwhile, this neighborhood struggles to pay ever increasing tax bills - my taxes are twice as much as the Mayor's while my home is worth less than a third of his. I am sure many others in this area can relate.

So Mr. Mayor - how about addressing the inequality that exists in home valuations - where numbers are inflated in poor and middle class areas and deflated in affluent ones?

Seems to me that this sort of inequality has negative effects on the lives of the poor and middle class - who are the backbone of this City.

Marion M. Cronin

## Felons voting

Dear editor,

According to a recent article in the NY Times, Attorney General Eric Holder wants to give all felons the right to vote whether they are incarcerated or have already served their time.

Once a person has committed a felony, they give up their rights and should not be allowed to vote while incarcerated.

Once an offender is released and is off of parole then he/she should be granted the right to vote again.

Once a person commits a felony, they give up their right to vote until they have paid their debt to society.

Many of the southern states, like Florida, Alabama, and Mississippi, don't ever allow felons the right to vote.

On the other extreme side, Maine and Vermont allow felons to vote while in prison. States like New York allows its felony offenders to vote again after they have served their term of incarceration and parole.

There are many different variations between states, but NY has it right. We are excluding roughly 6 million Americans when we don't allow former felons to vote.

This topic is a major issue that hasn't been

given much thought and that the US needs to address.

Stacey Morris

## Christmas thanks

Dear editor,

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# Bronx Bambi head count

Parks Dept. to monitor deer population

BY BEN KOCHMAN

Oh, deer —but how many deer are here?

City Islanders who have insisted for years that Pelham Bay Park's roads need deer warning signs may soon be getting the evidence to back up their claims.

The city Department of Parks and Recreation is taking the first step in its plan to count the borough's deer population this month, sending small planes equipped with heat-seeking cameras over Pelham Bay Park, along with Van Cortlandt Park, Riverdale Park and Bronx Park.

## Debate needs 'teeth'

The planes cruise 1,000 feet above the park and use infrared radar to hone in on the deer living within. Combined with the results of a ground survey, the Parks Department will soon have a baseline count of just how many does and stags call the Bronx home.

The project costs Parks \$19,000, but could be priceless for City Islanders looking to add teeth to their argument that the stag situation is dire enough for Pelham Bay Park to have signs alerting drivers to the deer danger.

"There have been deer in that park for years," said Barbara Dolensek of the City Island Civic Association, which voted at its January meeting to pen a letter to the city Department of Transportation asking them for the warning signs.

## Danger to cars?

Dolensek said she first spotted a buck standing in the road between Orchard Beach and Bartow Circle eight years ago. Just a couple months ago, she had to slow down her car to avoid a young doe standing at the entrance of Orchard



The Parks Department will soon know just how many deer live in the borough's parks. The deer population has been increasingly meandering south from residential areas of Westchester and northern regions into local borough parks.

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"I know that you need to proceed with caution," she said. "We need the signs in there telling people to watch out for these deer."

## Stags seen in West Bx

Deer have also been sighted in the west Bronx, said Christina Taylor, executive director of Friends of Van Cortland Park.

"I don't see them a huge amount, but we do see them from time to time," Taylor said.

She said the deer likely follow the parkways down from Westchester County before nestling in her local

park. Parks staff members walking through the trees early in the morning, she added, have noticed the stags roaming about.

Dolensek guessed that about a dozen deer may live in Pelham Bay Park, while Taylor said she had "no idea" how many deer had taken up residence in Van Cortland Park.

The Parks survey should provide clarity on the issue. The agency says it will use its baseline deer count to track deer population changes over time, and then use it as a resource to manage deer population.



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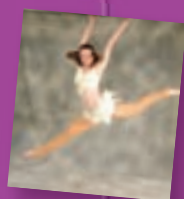


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# E. Bronx burglary suspect trips up

On the lam since summer, busted for shoplifting

BY BOB KAPPSTATTER

East Bronx detectives finally got their man.

Nestor (Frankie) Marrero, on the lam after failing to show up for a court date last summer on a string of charges involving home invasion burglaries in the east Bronx, was finally nabbed.

Police had feared he ran

**They ran him through the computer and Bingo, he had two outstanding warrants.**

**Detective Bobby Rogers**

away to the Dominican Republic, where extradition laws are lax.

Instead, he was nabbed right in the Bronx, arrested for shoplifting at the Home Depot on Gun Hill Road in Allerton.

"They ran him through the computer and BINGO!" said Detective Bobby Rogers of the 45th Precinct, the original case officer, "he had two outstanding warrants."

Marrero was arraigned on Friday, Feb. 14 on a grand jury indictment charging him with several burglaries, grand larceny and petit larcenies mostly involving elderly victims in Morris Park, City Island and other nearby neighborhoods.

This time, a judge ordered him held on \$10,000 cash bail or bond.

The 39-year-old career criminal, Marrero had earlier been released twice without bail after being arrested for the east Bronx burglaries, but failed to



Nestor (Frankie) Marrero.

NYPD photo

show up for an August 12 court hearing.

Police said the intimidat-

ing 6-foot-5, 350 pound former area window company employee used the repair-

man ruse to gain entry to the homes of elderly victims to rip them off while they weren't looking.

Marrero had been fired from the window company and either remembered some of his jobs or took work slips with him "so he had an excuse to enter the homes, supposedly to check on the windows," said Detective Rogers.

A neighborhood fixture around Morris Park and Throggs Neck, Marrero was arrested three times in June and August, charged with burglarizing local homes - twice with elderly or handicapped victims inside.

But at his two arraignments, judges released him without bail, despite Marrero being a predicate felon and prosecutors asking for high bail.

Police said Marrero failed to show up in court for a scheduled hearing on

Aug. 12, with a new arrest warrant awaiting him for yet another burglary.

After an earlier story in the Bronx Times Reporter, yet another victim, who recognized Marrero's mug shot in the paper, came forward.

Detective Rogers rushed the victim straight into the grand jury after interviewing him at his home, police said, with the jury issuing a felony indictment on the new burglary charge.

Rogers then went to court on Aug. 12 with the new arrest warrant. But when Marrero failed to show up, the judge issued a bench warrant for his arrest for failing to appear.

Marrero's landlord on Sampson Street told the detective at the time that Marrero had moved to the Dominican Republic with his wife, still owing him over \$5,000 in unpaid rent.

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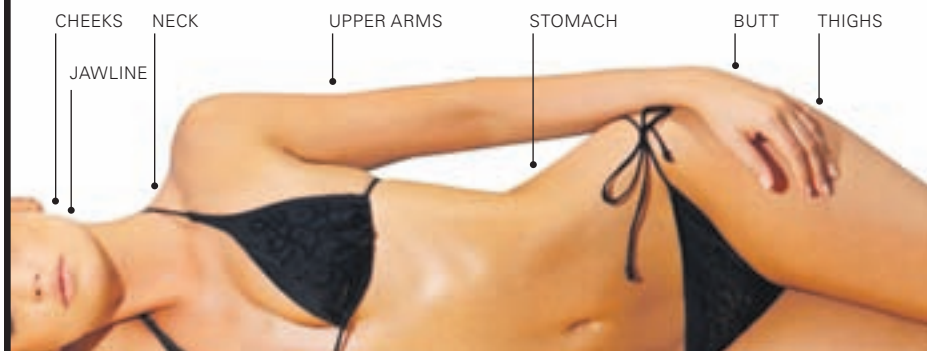
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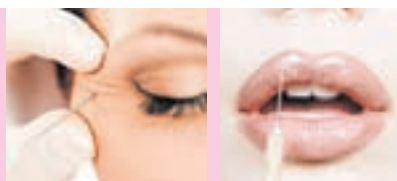
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# Co-op City wants asbestos relief

## Hopes new mayor will end costly removal program

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

A Co-op City lawyer is hoping the new mayor will save the complex from costly asbestos abatement.

The signs may be good, based on his past comments as Public Advocate and his recent response to a local assemblyman.

Residents have been pushing for relief from a mandate that requires the abatement because the complex was built with glue containing traces of asbestos, despite the absence of asbestos in the air.

The removal program has been hitting residents at the mega-complex in the pocket for millions of dollars annually, and Mayor Bill de Blasio seems sympathetic to Co-op City's cause.

When Assemblyman Michael Benedetto asked de Blasio about waiving the

mandate during a mayoral visit to Albany in January, de Blasio mentioned that he had previously raised concerns about the issue, and said he will again. The mayor told Benedetto he will direct the new health commissioner to review the policy and look for ways to provide relief for Co-op City residents.

"I'm very concerned that it may be an undue mandate, and a costly one, so we're going to reevaluate that quickly," de Blasio said.

"I'm delighted that they've had an exchange," said Riverbay Corp. lawyer Steve Kaufman. "But we can't wait any longer, we're going broke."

Kaufman is representing Co-op City in a lawsuit against the mandate filed in 2012.

Kaufman said the asbestos removal procedure,



Co-Op City was built with traces of asbestos in the glue that holds floor tiles in place. The complex is now under a costly mandate to remove the asbestos when the tiles come loose, although asbestos has never been found in the air.

Photo by Patrick Rocchio

which takes place when tiles buckle from leaks and need to be replaced, has cost the tenants about \$5

million annually in extra labor costs plus air testing. Kaufman said each time the tiles must be replaced,

a special crew works in hazmat suits and tents, despite the fact that the asbestos is "perfectly encapsulated" in the glue.

Kaufman noted in a recent letter to the new mayor that since the asbestos was detected – only after burning the glue at extremely high temperatures – none of the more than 75,000 air monitoring tests conducted ever found airborne asbestos.

"Not one worker or any resident of Co-op City has ever complained of any ailment caused by exposure to asbestos," Kaufman stated.

Kaufman also complained that Co-op City has been singled-out with the mandate when other buildings containing the same tiles have not been forced to remove them.

"Why is Co-op City forced to spend millions of

dollars per year for unnecessary work?" he asked de Blasio.

Kaufman's plea also reminded the mayor of a letter he wrote as Public Advocate to the commissioner of the city Department of Environmental Protection more than a year ago, asking for the department's proof of dangerous asbestos in the complex.

"I remain concerned that on the basis of inadequate evidence the Department of Environmental Protection has placed onerous and unnecessary obligations on the tens of thousands of Co-op City residents," de Blasio's letter read.

Kaufman hopes the mayor will act on his words and provide tenants with some relief – "This is a middle-income co-op in a poor borough that the city is strangling."

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# Bronx neighbors

PROFILE

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

The Bronx has its own advocate for Common Core teaching.

Nick Lawrence, 8th grade social studies teacher at the East Bronx Academy for the Future, has been appointed by Gov. Cuomo to his Common Core Implementation Panel.

The 11-member panel — including teachers, administrators, legislators, and a parent — will meet and offer recommendations about the roll-out of the common core standards.

The new standards have been controversial across the nation and in New York, where the new tests had more students failing than last year.

But despite the critics, Lawrence is a big fan of the new standards.

“My feelings are based on how its improved my instruction,” he said.

While Lawrence said the new standards are not perfect, he said the Common Core, which emphasizes critical thinking and literacy across disciplines, has created better discussions among teachers about best practices.

“The Common Core is moving the conversation to what good writing really is; what good reading really is,” he said.

Lawrence said before the Common Core, social studies teachers were not given much instruction about how to teach reading and writing because the focus was on content



Nick Lawrence

delivery.

He also hopes the new teacher evaluations associated with the Common Core will be more helpful than those in the past.

“I think the primary reason to give assessments is to inform instruction,” he said, adding that state exams often don’t give teachers clear feedback.

In addition to teaching social studies and heading the department, the 30-year-old Lawrence teaches a college preparatory elective, does research with a former professor, attends conferences and is involved in Educators 4 Excellence, a teacher organization that seeks to influence education policy.

It was because of his involvement in Educators 4 Excellence that Lawrence was chosen for the panel. The governor’s office called the executive director of the organization, who recommended Lawrence.

“It was out of the blue,” Lawrence said of the call he got from the governor’s office.

Although Lawrence says he wants the Common Core standards to be implemented as soon as possible, he also says there needs to be a conversation about what “ASAP” means in this context in order for the standards to be successful.

He said that he supports the common core in general, but will go into the panel meetings open minded about specifics.

“The emphasis should be about teacher support and making sure the kids are supported as well,” he said about the panel’s discussions. “If the conversation starts that way and stays that way, then whatever comes out of it will be beneficial to New York.”

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# Com-patty-ble love birds wed

## Valentine's vows over sliders at Fordham White Castle

BY BEN KOCHMAN

Love was in the air —along with the distinct aroma of White Castle sliders.

It was wedding day on Valentine's Day for two White Castle lovers, tying the knot at a Fordham White Castle franchise after winning a citywide radio contest.

"It's an awesome feeling," said Bianca Palanza just after slipping a real ring —not an onion ring —on her new wife Danielle Rivera of Parkchester. "Now I know we'll be together. We've got no choice!"

### Com-patty-ble

The sweethearts won the right to wed at White Castle after winning a contest run by NYC pop radio station Z100. In a meaty feat of shameless promotion, the fast-food chain paired with local stations

to host weddings around the nation.

Bronx's E. Fordham Road White Castle closed for the entire afternoon Feb. 14. Inside, the wedding was about as strange

**It's an awesome feeling. Now I know we'll be together. We've got no choice!**

**Bianca Palanza**

as one could expect from a ceremony at a fast-food joint.

After spending the morning on air with Z100 host Elvis Duran, the love pair rolled up to the White Castle in a limo just after 1 p.m.

Rivera, wearing a sparkling white dress and Ugg winter boots, strolled down the linoleum-tiled aisle while Palanza waited, decked out in a lime green vest. Family members sipped Jumbo-size sodas as they watched on.

An ordained minister, and Z100 radio emcee on the side, "Greg T." ran the pair through their vows as news cameras rolled. In the corner, a wedding cake built of nearly 100 stacked-up (burp!) mini burgers awaited the newlyweds.

### Hungry for love

But in many ways the fast-food affair was just like any American wedding. Rivera and Palanza shared a first kiss and a slow dance as music mingled with the sound of potatoes frying in oil.

Family members making

ple had tears in their eyes —and not just from the onions being sliced in the kitchen.

The pair had put off planning their wedding after Palanza proposed on the edge of Manhattan's Intrepid Museum back in August. They promised each other that they'd jump at the chance to get hitched if they won the contest.

"We kept delaying it and delaying it, and we said if we win, we've gotta do it," Rivera said.

The duo had plans to party on through the day and night. But first, there were more important tasks to deal with.

"I'm hungry," Rivera told a reporter as White Castle servers set out trays of fries, burgers, onion rings and chicken fingers. "I may have to cut this interview short."



It's love at first bite for Bianca Palanza (left) and Danielle Rivera, who tied the knot at a Fordham White Castle on Valentine's Day as winners of a radio station contest. Photo by Ben Kochman

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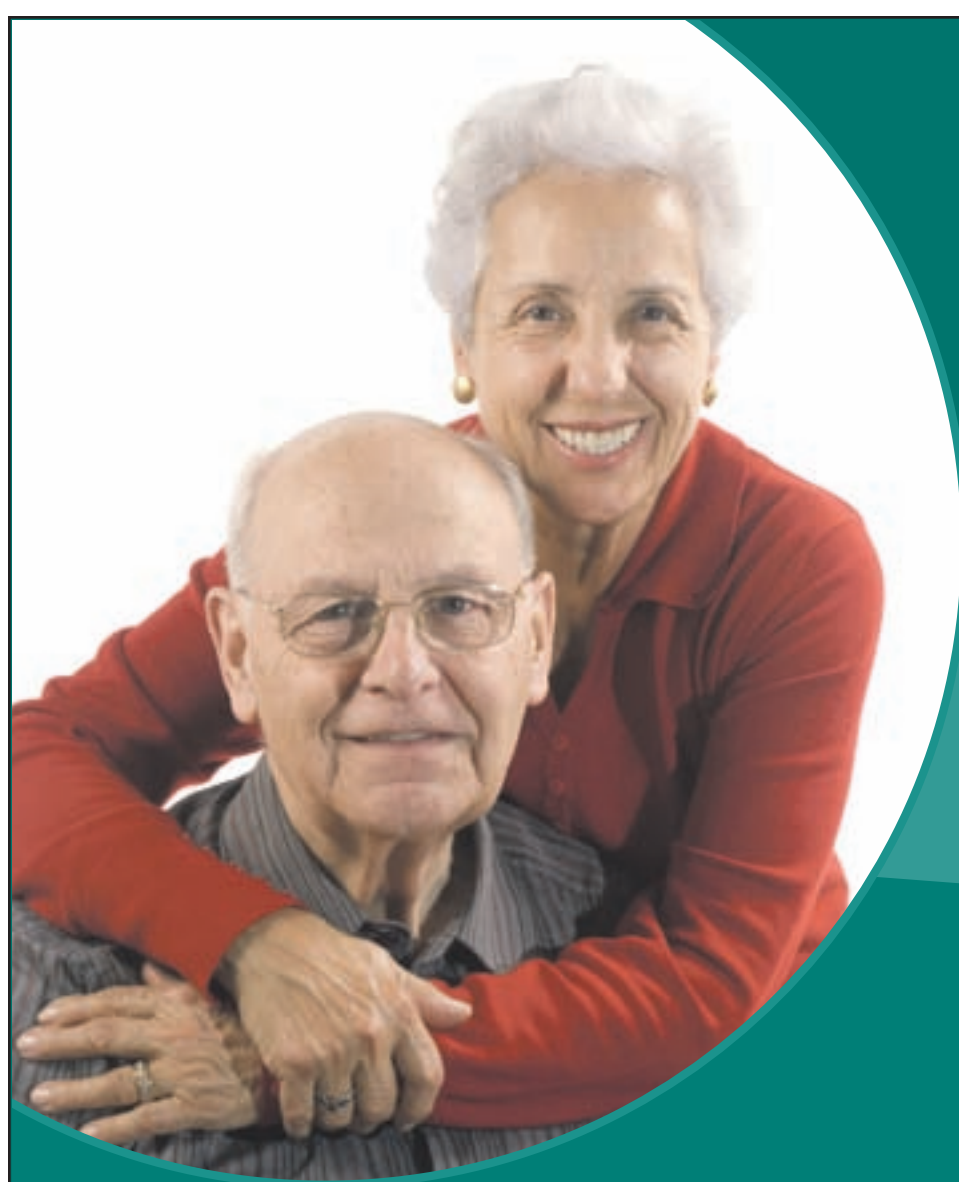
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# Rally for Grand Concourse subway lift

## South Bronx residents urge MTA to fix long-dormant elevator

BY BEN KOCHMAN

A group of South Bronx-ites is pleading with the city for a lift.

But the MTA claims that fixing this particular lift is too tall of a task.

Locals in the South Bronx rallied Monday Feb. 17 outside the subway station on the Grand Concourse and E. 149th Street, where over 30 years ago an elevator once transported riders from the mezzanine down either one floor to the No. 4 IRT line, or down two flights to the No. 2 and 5 lines.

### Decades of disrepair

The lift has been out of operation for decades now. And a \$19 million renovation to the station, completed in December 2013, did not include elevator repairs.

That leaves the over 13,000 straphangers that use the stop daily to their

own devices as they climb and descend the 83 steps from street level to the 2 and 5 trains on the station's bottom floor.

"There's an imminent danger here," charged John "Indio" Washington, who lived in the area back when the elevator worked. "We have mothers with strollers, and so many people with asthma. How can we ask them to come up three flights of stairs by themselves?"

### Rallying for a lift

Protesters from the South Bronx Community Congress have been pressuring the MTA to fix the lift since 2012, when a group of disgruntled seniors living at the Michaelangelo Apartments brought the issue to their attention.

Since then, they've staged two rallies at the site and collected hundreds of signatures from commu-



Locals rallied Feb. 17 for the MTA to restore elevator service to the 2/4-5 line subway at Grand Concourse and E. 149th Street.

Photo by Ben Kochman

nity groups and students at nearby Hostos Community College.

But the MTA has no plans to budge on the issue. The agency has already

agreed to install elevators at 100 stations citywide by 2020 to abide by American Disabilities Act guidelines—and the E. 149th Street and Grand Concourse is not

among the chosen stations. Straphangers who are either disabled or who want to avoid the stairs can hop on the Bx19 bus one stop to the Third Avenue 2/5 sta-

tion, which has elevators. **Need not as high?**

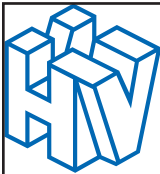
The E. 149th/Grand Concourse station was kept out of the elevator plan partly because other stations had a greater need, said an MTA spokesperson.

Though the station is near landmarks like the General Post Office and the heavily used Gateway Mall, it only ranked 109th in the city's 2012 ridership ranks. The Third Avenue stop on the other hand ranked 48th with over 24,000 straphangers coming through daily.

But locals are not giving up just yet. They plan to ramp up the pressure with another, larger rally with Hostos students in March.

If that doesn't work, there's always divine intervention, said longtime local Alonso Correa:

"We may just have to wait for a miracle."



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# Hunts Point meat market wants fix-up

BY BEN KOCHMAN

One of the Bronx's beefiest employers hopes to a cut a meatier deal with the city.

Two months after the Hunt's Point Produce market inked a seven-year lease extension with the city that trimmed its rent, the Hunt's Point Meat Market next door is asking for its own sweet deal.

"Given its valuable economic contributions, one would think the Meat Market Coop and the thousands of jobs it is responsible for would be something the City of New York wants to retain," said Bruce Reingold, general manager of the market's 39-business cooperative.

"Sadly, the businesses working here have not seen any real cooperation from city officials to keep us."

#### Brawl over repairs

Originally built in 1972, the meat market—a separate entity from the produce market—distributes over two billion pounds of meat a year from its 60-acre site in Hunt's Point to across the tri-state area, while employing around 2,000 people.

But the market is squabbling with the city over the cost of maintaining the large and old space.

Reingold said that the businesses were forced the shoulder the entire cost of a new roof and piping—over \$3.5 million—in 2011. The currently pay \$6.2 million annually in rent to the city.

A spokesperson for the city's Economic Develop-



The Hunt's Point Meat Market is threatening to leave New York unless the city cuts them a better deal on their lease.

Photo Courtesy Hunt's Point Meat Market

ment Corporation, which oversees the property, disputed Reingold's claims. The city, in effect, "loaned" the market the roof money in 2011 by delaying \$3.7 million in rent that the market is paying back annually until 2021.

The city says it has helped finance the market by delaying its rent payments a total of three times over the last 10 years.

#### Sour over produce

But the city's recent deal with the adjacent produce market has the meat market steamed.

Under the terms of that deal, announced in the waning days of the Bloomberg administration, the produce market's annual rent was cut from \$4.5 million to \$4 million, with the market given credit for \$1.5 million

of that per year for the next seven years to use for infrastructure repairs.

#### Threatening to leave

The meat market wants a similar deal.

"We are just looking for the same consideration and help," said Reingold.

If the city does not meet its demands, some businesses in Reingold's market may leave the co-op, according to a press release the market sent out in early February.

The NYCEDC spokesperson said the agency would meet with market brass soon to work on the issue, and looks forward to "continuing a dialogue about the facility and ongoing operation."

The current terms of its lease call for the meat market to remain in the Bronx until at least 2037.

## Sts. Patrick & Joseph celebration

St. Raymond Elementary School is hosting its annual Feasts of Saints Patrick and Joseph Celebration on Sunday, March 16. The event begins with the 12:00 p.m. Mass at St. Raymond Church and is followed by an Irish-Italian luncheon and entertainment in the school's auditorium at 1:00 p.m. In addition to Irish and Italian food, the Sts. Patrick and Joseph Celebration includes Irish and Italian

music. There will be performances by the parish music director and teacher, Irish native Patrick Connolly, who will sing in Irish and in English; traditional Irish step dancers; an Italian aria and Neapolitan favorites sung by (Mr.) Dale Smith, the music director for St. Francis Xavier Parish in the Bronx; the St. Raymond Elementary School Bell Choir and Cheerleaders; and the St. Raymond Junior and Se-

nior Choirs. Both the Irish and the Italian national anthems will be sung in their native tongues, Amhrán Na Bhfiann (Irish) and Fratelli D'Italia (Italian).

Tickets are \$10.00 per person and will go on sale at the school on February 24. Tickets will not be sold at the door. Seating is limited. To purchase tickets or for additional information, call 718-597-3232 or email [nole@straymondelementary.org](mailto:nole@straymondelementary.org).





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# Bronx beat

The **Albanian-American Society Foundation Inc.** and the **Sons & Daughters of Albania in America Inc.,** in conjunction with Monroe College cordially invite you to attend a lecture given by world famous Professor Jusuf Buxhovi on February 23, at 3 p.m. at Monroe College's King Hall, 2501 Jerome Avenue, .

Former New York State Assemblyman and 21 year member of the Board of Directors of the Albanian-American Society Foundation Stephen B. Kaufman will be emceeding the event, and AASF President Esad A. Rizai and Vice-President Haxhi Berisha will be introducing Prof. Buxhovi.

Prof. Buxhovi is the foremost historian on Kosovo, and will be proudly presenting for the first time in English his renowned three part "Kosova Series." The "Kosova Series," spells out the entire history of Kosovo, from its early history in "Part 1: Dardania in Ancient and Medieval Times", to the struggles and oppression of "Part 2: The Ottoman Empire" and finally Kosovo's emergence on the world stage in "Part 3: From Occupation to International Protectorate."

In the late 1980's, Prof. Buxhovi co-founded the Democratic League of Kosovo, the first opposition party in Kosovo that helped lead and advocate for peaceful resistance against the Serbian occupation. Prof. Buxhovi has written scores of fiction and nonfiction titles, including prizewinning novels, novellas, dramas, literary critique, political commentaries and history books. His Albanian-language works have been translated into other languages world-wide.

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Before joining a group, caregivers should call the caring professionals at the Chapter (800-272-3900) and schedule a personal interview to discuss their situation and determine if the group will meet their needs.

Attending an Understanding Dementia Meeting is also advised and can be scheduled by calling the 24-hour Helpline at 800-272-3900. You can also visit [www.alz.org/nyc](http://www.alz.org/nyc) for more information.

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## Public Hearing

Bronx Community Board 10 and 12 announce a joint public hearing on the matters of mapping and easement issues for the City Island Bridge.

The Public Hearing will be at the Offices of Community Board 12,

located at 4101 White Plains Road, at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 25, on the following ULURP matters: C 140251MMX, City Island Bridge – City Map Change and 140252 PQX, Replacement of City Island Road Bridge.



## BRINGING VALENTINES TO VETERANS



The United War Veterans Council held it's Valentine, "Day Caravan" at the Bronx Veterans Medical Center on Wednesday, Feb. 12. The Caravan collects thousands of donated cards and gifts from throughout the city to deliver to military, veterans and their families at veterans hospitals and military bases.

(Above) Deputy Bronx Borough President Aurelia Greene and a United War Veterans Council volunteer hand out Valentine Day gifts to a veteran.

Photo courtesy of the United War Veterans Council



United War Veterans Council volunteers hand out Valentine Day gifts to veterans.

Photo courtesy of the United War Veterans Council

## YOUTH LEADERS ON THE MOVE TO ALBANY



Youth Leaders on the Move, a group of college-bound sophomores and juniors from the Bronx, board bus in front of the Columbus High School Campus on Friday, Feb. 14. The group of students were going up to Albany to visit colleges in the area, and also spent part of a weekend at meetings and presentations by the New York State Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic, and Asian Legislative Caucus. Students are getting on the bus for a weekend that will likely expand their horizons.

by Aracelis Batista

## KLEIN HOLDS BLACK HISTORY BREAKFAST



Senator Jeff Klein held a Black History Month Breakfast on Saturday, Feb. 15 that celebrated African-American leaders. The honorees were Barbara Moyer, president of Shorehaven Condo III; Tina Von Johnson, Pelham Bay ,Best Realtor Award recipient; Nidja Smith, director of Pelham Parkway Houses Senior Center; and a posthumous honor for Estella Diggs, first African-American woman elected to the state Assembly from the Bronx. Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams, the first African-American elected to that position, gave the keynote address.

With awards are (l-r) Tiana Von Johnson, Barbara Moyer, Senator Jeff Klein and Estella Diggs, granddaughter Cheray Diggs.

by Aracelis Batista



## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK AT OLA

Our Lady of Assumption parish school Parent Guild treated students and staff at the Pelham Bay schools to a variety of events in celebration of Catholic Schools Week from Monday, Jan. 27 through Friday, Jan. 31. This included a Teacher Appreciation Day, bake sale, Crazy Hat and Sock Day, Ice Cream Social, Pajamas Day, bowling and Bingo.

(Left) Student Juwan Medinilla was a winner at Bingo. Photo courtesy of OLA Parent Guild/Brenda Hernandez

## AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE AT CHAMBER

Councilwoman Vanessa Gibson addresses her fellow honorees, including Councilman Andy King, Public Advocate Leticia James, Senator Ruth Hassel-Thompson, District Attorney Robert Johnson, Leon Eastmond, April Horton, Clarence Stanley and Walter Maxwell at the Bronx Chamber of Commerce annual African American Heritage Celebration Wednesday, Feb. 12 at F&J Pine Tavern on Bronxdale Avenue.

Photo by Walter Pofeldt





# SEN. KLEIN, MISS USA VALENTINES FOR VETS



Miss USA 2013 Erin Brady and state Senator Jeff Klein greet veteran Bynum Terry at Klein's 19th Annual Valentines for Vets event at the James J. Peters VA Medical Center on Feb. 14.

Photo by Aracelis Batista



Left to Right: Jim Mullarkey, Miss USA Erin Brady, state Senator Jeff Klein, Kathryn Cross, and Naheema Pack. Front: veteran George McGinnis.

Photo by Aracelis Batista



## SESAME STREET VISTS WHEDCO

Elmo and Jenny the Music Teacher from Sesame Street Live's Elmo Makes Music! visited children from Garden of Dreams partner organization, WHEDco, during their after school music class Fri., Feb. 14.

Courtesy WHEDco



## CB 9 YANKEE YOUTH AWARDS

Five locals were honored for their efforts at improving quality of life within Community Board 9 ,Äwhich includes Soundview, Parkchester and Castle Hill,Äon Feb. 12. The helpful community members netted Yankees Community Council Youth Leadership Awards at CB9's district office.

(L-r, back row): Chauncey Martin , Christina Valentin , Hector Valentin , Michael Valentin , Cheryl Marrow, Matthew Ibrahim , Jessica Caraballo Maribel Mercado and Yoram Rodriguez (Front row) Cathrine Perez and Diana Mohaber

Photo by Walter Pofeldt

## KLEIN CUTS C-TOWN RIBBON



Community representatives gathered Saturday, Feb. 15, for the grand opening of C-Town supermarket in the Woodlawn area of the Bronx. The neighborhood of Woodlawn had been without a full-service supermarket for 22 months.&#xA;&#xA;From left to right: Assemblyman Dinowitz (D-Riverdale); Abdul Hamid, co-owner of C-Town; Senator Jeffrey D. Klein (D-Bronx/Westchester); Jamal Hamid, co-owner of C-Town; Kenneth Switzer, representative of Congressman Eliot Engel (D-NY-16); and Council Member Andy Cohen (D-Riverdale).

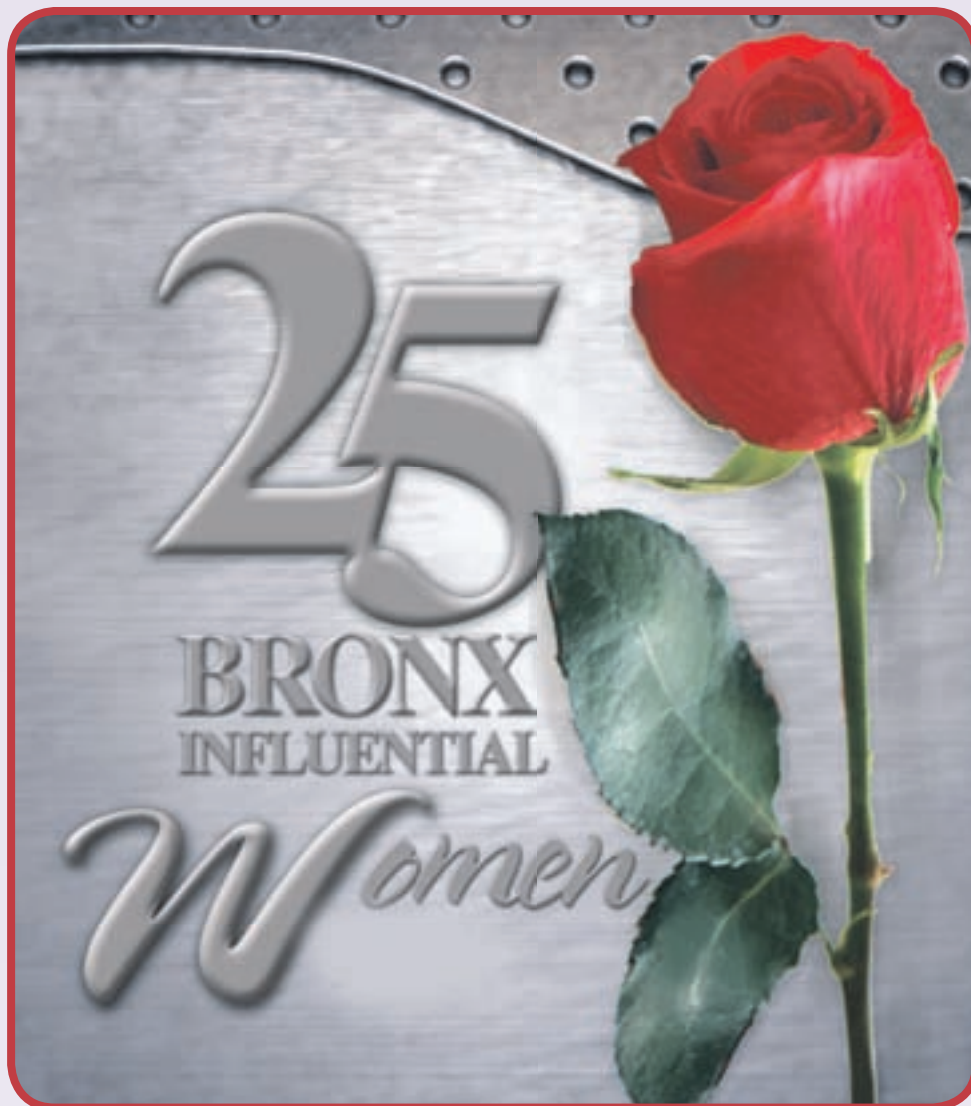
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# Saving children from gun violence

## Proposed law named after West Farms shooting victim

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

A proposed law by Bronx legislators is taking aim at curbing playground shootings.

"Luisito's Law," named after a 4-year-old boy who was shot in the arm this summer while playing at a West Farms, was introduced in the state legislature Wednesday, Feb. 19.

Senator Jeff Klein, Assemblyman Luis Sepulveda, and other Bronx representatives gathered with Luisito's family at Vidalia Park that day to announce the law, which would increase minimum sentences for anyone who shoots a gun within 500 feet of a park, playground or schoolyard, and for those who shoot kids younger than 10-years-old.

Luis "Luisito" Oyola Jr. was stuck by one of multiple stray bullets during a fight that broke out in the park, on 180th Street and Vyse Av-

enue.

"We need to get tougher on the dummies that are going around shooting like it's the wild wild west," said Lorine Padilla, Oyola's grandmother. "We need to send a message that is a deterrent to them."

**We are not going to allow our playgrounds to become shooting galleries.**

**Senator Jeff Klein**

The man who shot Oyola is awaiting trial on assault charges that carry a minimum penalty of 1.5 to 4 years in prison. If the law

passes, those who shoot a gun in a park could face 3.5 to 15 years, and those who shoot a child under age ten would face a minimum of 5 to 25 years.

"This legislation will send a message to criminals that if they bring violence into the lives of these innocent children, they will face serious time behind bars," said Assemblyman Sepulveda.

Sepulveda said this issue is personal to him because he lives in the neighborhood and often goes to that park with his family.

"What if that day it had been me, my wife and our two-year-old child in the park?" he asked.

Padilla described how painful it was to watch the doctors at St. Barnabas digging around in her grandson's arm to try and pull the bullet out.

"My grandson was being

a three-year-old boy when this idiot decided it was ok to pull out a gun and shoot," she said.

She urged other members of the legislature to pass the bill.

"Luisito's Law" is part of a recent push to further reduce gun violence in New York. Other efforts that Senator Klein has championed include the NY SAFE act, which tightened gun control, and Operation SNUG, which uses former criminals or gang members to mentor at-risk youth in hopes of reducing violence.

But this proposed law is specifically about keeping young children safe, and the people who harm them behind bars.

"We are not going to allow our playgrounds to become shooting galleries," Klein said. "If you take aim at our children, we will fire back you."



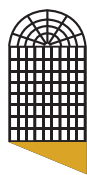
Four-year-old Luis "Luisito" Oyola (right), stands in front of Vidalia Park with his twin sister, Braelyn and grandmother Lorine Padilla at the announcement of Luisito's Law.

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# Boro's small businesses growing

BY BEN KOCHMAN

Bronx small businesses are growing as they head into 2014 – but with baby steps, according to a new poll.

Though 40 percent of the borough's small business owners surveyed said they expected to make more profit this year than they did in 2013, only 29 percent said that they'd be hiring more employees, according to the TD Bank survey, dubbed the Small Business Pulse Check.

The survey polled 700 small businesses — defined as those with less than \$5 million in annual sales and fewer than 100 employees — across the five boroughs to gauge the concerns of small business owners.

## Moving up, but slowly

The Bronx came out showing signs of growth. Nearly 20 percent of the polled businesses said they had applied for a loan in 2013 — a rate far higher

than in any of the other boroughs.

But there remain lingering concerns about the national economy and about the new Affordable Care Act, which requires small businesses to provide new plans to insure their employees.

More Bronx small business owners worried that the new healthcare bill would hurt their bottom line than in the other boroughs, though the rate of concerned Bronx businesspeople was still a mere 35 percent, according to the poll.

## Rattled by DeBlasio

Small business owners are concerned about politics at a local level as well. Many feel at a crossroads in the beginning stages of Mayor DeBlasio's administration.

Business owners have complained for years that the city was unfairly raising revenue by slapping

them with fines, something that DeBlasio has said he would address in the coming weeks.

But many smaller employers took issue with deBlasio's proposed law that requires employers with more than five employees to give their workers five paid sick days a year.

A section of that law gives the city the ability to conduct investigations "on its own initiative," which John Bonizio, chairman of the Westchester Square Business Improvement District, says oversteps the city's bounds.

"Back-door approaches such as these are the ideals that most of you complained about under the previous administration; slipping them back into this law is hypocritical," wrote Bonizio in a letter to the Times-Reporter.

One idea to better the small business climate — and to encourage more

hiring in the State's most unemployed county — is to create a small business panel with Bronxites on

board.

"We should be represented with a fair number of our own representatives

so that our voice is heard," said John Cerini, the owner of Capital Shield Insurance Agency in Throggs Neck.

## Immigration Forum Mar. 5th

Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj will host an Immigration Forum on Wednesday, March 5, 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Bronx House, 990 Pelham Parkway South.

Open panel discus-

sions will be held on immigration guidelines, citizenship concerns, immigration reform and all questions will be answered.

Guest panel of attorneys include Marissa Soto, Esq.; Diron E. Rutty, Esq.; Afshan

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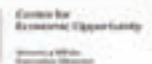
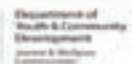
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AT ORCHARD BEACH



These Bronx Polar Bear Club members join hands to play Ring Around The Rosy Cheeks in the icy waters.

Photos by Silvio Pacifico



While the rest of us shivered, these thrill seekers and fitness enthusiasts enjoyed a swim in the frigid waters off Orchard Beach during the Bronx Polar Bear Plunge on Saturday, Feb. 15. The event's theme was ,“Take the Plunge with Someone You Love” (Above) Liga Freimane strikes an Arctic Sport Illustrated swimwear issue pose.



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# Bronx scene

## All aboard the Culture Trolley

Ding! Ding!

The Bronx Culture Trolley returns on Wednesday, March 5th with an evening of exhibitions at Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos, Bronx Museum of the Arts, Andrew Freedman Mansion, Bronx Documentary Center, BronxArtSpace and LDR Studio Gallery.

The Bronx Museum of the Arts additionally features a book signing and reading and Pregones Theater presents a free 7:00pm concert.

Admission to venues is free and all are welcome to hop on board and enjoy them.

March 5th's Trolley begins at 5:00pm at Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos (Hos-



The Bronx Culture Trolley rolls again.

tos Community College, 450 Grand Concourse at 149th Street) with GAY, an exhibition that examines the cultural shift that has taken

place in identity within the last decade by looking at the production of gay male artists of color from 2003-2013.

The trolley bell clangs at

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5:30pm, 6:30pm, and 7:30pm indicating the trolley's departure from Hostos on its way to the evening's cultural events.

The Bronx Culture Trolley runs on the First Wednesdays of each month (except January and September), providing Bronxites and tourists alike a fun way to travel via a replica of an early 20th-century trolley car.

Passengers are given the opportunity to sample several of the area's hottest cultural attractions, dining establishments and entertainment venues along the way.

In addition to Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos, this month's trolley stops and

attractions include:

- The Bronx Museum of the Arts for a book signing and reading by award-winning writer and photojournalist Michael Kamber who discusses his book Photojournalists on War. Also you can tour the museum's current exhibition: Paulo Bruscky: Art is our Last Hope

- The Andrew Freedman Mansion for their current exhibition;

- Pregones Theater for a free 7 pm concert by the JACK Quartet;

- Bronx Documentary Center for Too Young to Wed, an exhibition of photographs by Stephanie Sinclair and featured short films by Jessica Dimmock

and Stephanie Sinclair;

- BronxArtSpace for a Synthetic Zero Multi-Disciplinary Event curated by Mitsu Hadeishi and featuring visual art, performances and experimental video; and

- LDR Studio Gallery for Joy to the Sheep, an artistic perspective on the ongoing apathy, ignorance, and corruption of what was once a symbol of freedom on Earth.

Visit BCA's website at [www.bronxarts.org](http://www.bronxarts.org) in mid-March for information on April 2nd's Bronx Culture Trolley as well as other programs and activities of the Bronx Council on the Arts. Additional information: 718-931-9500 x33.



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On Thursday, March 6, at 7:30 p.m. Amy Freitag, Executive Director of the New York Restoration Project will give a talk on "Extraordinary Women: Power, Influence, and the Conservation of the American Landscape."

On Thursday, March 13, at 7:30 p.m., architect and author Peter Pennoyer, together with architectural historian Anne Walker, will delve into "The Architecture of Delano & Aldrich."

On Tuesday, March 18, at 7:30 p.m., Mac Griswold, a cultural landscape historian, will discuss her latest work, The Manor:

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The times for all four

registration dates is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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If you haven't noticed this column, Rock on the Bronx, has gone through a change for 2014.

The column has been remixed, simplified, "re-booted" if you will back to its original mission which is to deeply discuss the phenomena of local rock bands; what makes them tick; what makes them work and what makes them not work.

Established previously is that cover bands perform songs that are well known from radio and/or made popular by well-known artists.

Most bands start out as cover bands. It's unusual for a band to start out of the

## rock on the bronx

by Fish Altieri

gate doing songs of their own compositions (originals).

Cover bands can get very popular, very quickly, in their local scene but the ceiling of fame is low. In general, unless the band is in the habit of reinventing covers songs to fit its unique talents, a cover band can only get so far in the music business.

And by "far", that is to say, multiple gigs at the local pubs and maybe some

larger establishments.

And yet cover bands have their important place in society. T

he best wedding bands do popular cover songs because that's what is expected. Imagine showing up to a wedding and the band played all of their own songs all night? That wouldn't work. Then again imagine trying to tour the country doing wedding songs?

The problem with some bands is they don't know who they want to be when they start out. See you next week.

Rock on. Rock out.

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dren's Theatre (RCT) and co-directors Becky and Derek Woods.

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# Mott Haven soldier awarded Medal of Honor

I was traveling around Mott Haven with Nick DiBrino and we stopped for a closer inspection of Lozada Playground. It's slightly over an acre in size but seems far more spacious due to its positioning and the inclusion of benches outside on the sidewalk. It is located on the north side of East 135th Street between Willis and Alexander avenues just east of the Jonathan D. Hyatt School. We were there on February 20 and nary a soul was in sight. That surprised me as it was a holiday, President's Day, and the weather was fair.

PFC Carlos J. Lozada certainly earned the distinction of having this playground named in his honor. Carlos was born on September 6, 1946 in Caguas, Puerto Rico, which is in the central mountain range about 20 miles south of San Juan.

His family moved to the Bronx in the early 1950s and Carlos attended local schools graduating in 1966 and then married his high school sweetheart in 1966.

## do you remember

by Bill Twomey

He joined the U. S. Army hoping that the GI benefits would help with a college education.

He was sent to Vietnam on June 11, 1967 assigned to Company A, 2nd Battalion, 503 Infantry, 173rd Airborne Brigade.

This is the brigade given the nickname "The Herd" from the days when the theme song of the western television show "Rawhide" was used for reveille. Can you imagine being awoken each morning to the sound of thousands of cattle charging along?

The brigade was assigned to secure Hill 875 at Dak To, Vietnam on November 19, 1967. Hill 875 gets its name from its height above sea level in meters (875 meters is equivalent to about 2871 feet). It is located just off the Ho Chi Minh Trail less than five miles from

the Cambodian border. It was supposed to be defended by one company of regular North Vietnamese troops but it turned out to be the overwhelming force of two regiments. It was a battle that dragged on for about five days costing many American lives. What was supposed to be a skirmish turned into one of the fiercest battles of the entire war.

Lozada was one of the four soldiers assigned to an early warning outpost on November 20. He was a machine gunner and was defending his outpost when it was attacked by the large force of North Vietnamese.

They just kept coming to the point where Lozada killed at least 20 himself, but more and more kept pouring in.

He warned those with him to withdraw and offered to give them cover.

He remained at his position knowing that death was inevitable but allowing his comrades an opportunity to find better cover.

He died so that others might live and their mission might be accomplished.

Hill 875 would be secured by American forces, but at a heavy price.

According to John McManus in his book "Grunts," 290 men ascended Hill 875 on November 20 and by the end of that day, 100 were dead and 50 wounded.

PFC Carlos James Lozada was awarded the Medal of Honor for his valor, a rare privilege and one well-deserved.

There is a monument of remembrance in front of the capitol building in San Juan dedicated to that island's fallen heroes and PFC Lozada's name can be found thereon.

An oil portrait of him hangs in the Capitol Rotunda. He is also on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall at Panel 30E-Row 045.

The Bronx named the



I took this picture of historian and author Nicholas DiBrino posing in front of Lozada Playground on President's Day while scouting for changes in the area. The playground is located on the north side of East 135th Street between Willis and Alexander avenues.

playground on East 135th Street after him on November 21, 1987.

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## Pneumonia Watch

Pneumonia season is here and the condition is not one to be trifled with, particularly among the elderly.

"Pneumonia symptoms in elderly patients can be very subtle," said Dr. Nelson Eng, Chief Medical Officer at Union Community Health Center. "As a Family Physician, I see elderly patients with respiratory infections on a daily basis this time of year. 'Early diagnosis is the most important factor associated with a speedy recovery.'"

According to the Centers for Disease Control, in 2010, 1.1 million people in the United States were hospitalized with pneumonia, and about 50,000 people died from the disease – many of whom were elderly. With influenza, it is the 8th leading cause of death in the U.S.

"Unfortunately, many elderly patients and their families miss the early symptoms as the elderly tend to have a dulled response to infections in general," said Dr. Eng. "By the time they make it to the office, you could be looking at a short stay in the hospital, or worse."

Pneumonia is an infection of the lungs usually caused by bacteria, viruses or fungi. The inflammation causes an outpouring of fluid in the infected part of the lungs. Normally, the symptoms related to this

include cough, shortness of breath and chest tightness.

"Unfortunately, the lungs of elderly patients don't react promptly to pneumonia," he said. "They can't cough strongly and may not be aware of their shallow breathing. As a result, many elderly patients may only describe their symptom as an uncomfortable feeling in the chest."

With younger patients, if the pneumonia worsens, bodies go into a fighting mode. One's temperature, heart rate and metabolism all speed up to combat the invading infection.

"The body of an elderly patient may not be able to react this way," said Dr. Eng. "They may not be able to raise their body temperature and mount a fever. They may only have weakness and fatigue. That's why family members must pay special attention to any change in their normal appearance, behavior or feeling and ask themselves if this could be the body's response to pneumonia. Knowing these signs can save a life."

Once brought to a physician, simple diagnostic tests can confirm pneumonia. Although pneumonia can be caused by more than two dozen different organisms, with the elderly it is usually caused by bacteria or viruses. In the case of viral pneumonia, bouts

are usually treated without medication, but rather with patient rest, a healthy diet and plenty of fluids. Several different antibiotic treatments are used in the case of bacterial pneumonia, which viral pneumonia can turn into.

In general, pneumonia in the elderly – as well as in younger patients – occurs when one's immune system is weakened. While it can be transmitted through the air or hand-to-hand contact, a strong immune system can often fight off the infection. Dr. Eng offers these preventive measures to combat pneumonia:

- See a doctor for an annual physical
- Get immunized for the flu and pneumonia
- Wash your hands often
- If you smoke, stop
- Eat properly
- Keep physically active
- Maintain good dental care
- Avoid drugs that will dull your senses (such as sleep aids, narcotics, muscle relaxants, and antihistamines)

"It also makes sense at this time of year, when people are spending more time indoors, that the elderly keep their distance from those with the flu or a bad cold," said Dr. Eng. "Preventing pneumonia in this population is always preferable to treating it. But if you suspect a problem, quick intervention is critical."





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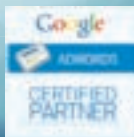
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# We Are The Bronx fundraiser

We Are The Bronx (WATB) Fellowship announces a unique fundraising and leadership development opportunity for Bronx professionals.

On Thursday May 1, WATB will host a networking event and auction to be held at the Bronx Documentary Center. The event is designed to attract current and aspiring Bronx leaders to network, share resources and raise money. Proceeds raised from this fundraiser will directly fund the WATB grant opportunity for projects that benefit the Bronx

community with College Bound & Job Readiness or Healthy Food & Nutrition initiatives. The grant deadline is March 31, and will be awarded at a ceremony in June.

"This networking event is the key component to funding the WATB grant," said Estelle Raboni, a WATB fellow.

"Professionals from all over the Bronx are very excited to be part of this process and are looking forward to joining us at the Bronx Documentary Center. Space is limited, so we

encourage everyone to purchase their tickets as soon as possible."

This networking event will include refreshments and a silent auction. Sponsorships are available.

To sign up or become a sponsor, visit [www.wearethebronx.org/networking](http://www.wearethebronx.org/networking). The grant application can be accessed at [www.wearethebronx.org/grant](http://www.wearethebronx.org/grant). For more info call 212-983-4800 ext. 122.

## Children's Dental Health Month

Parents are the key to getting their kids off on the right foot when it comes to their oral health.

And it begins even before their children have teeth.

Parental education is key for maintaining good dental health for children, says Dr. Stacey Lubetsky, a pediatric dentist at Union Community Health Center (with sites at 260 east 188th and 2021 Grand Concourse).

"Tooth decay is the #1 childhood disease, even more so than asthma," she said. "That's why you want to establish dental care at a very early age. Waiting until they are two or three is too late as the disease process has already started."

As part of the American Dental Association's National Children's Dental Health Month in February, Dr. Lubetsky offers parents these reminders when it comes to their children's dental health:

- Begin taking your child to the dentist for well visits by the age of 1. "We really like to see children by their first birthday," she said. "In addition to making sure the tissues look healthy, it's a good time to get the parents on board when it comes to such things as how they should clean, how often, and what they should take away."
- Oral health, however, starts when children are infants. Dr. Lubetsky says

she sees many children who, at a young age, already have teeth that are rotten as a result of falling asleep with a bottle. "Parents know this, but unfortunately it's not always a high priority," she said. "Bacteria is there even before they get their first teeth, and ideally parents should wipe inside their baby's mouth before they fall asleep with a wash cloth or finger brush." Although she sees children as old as four or five years old still using a bottle, she recommends taking them off it as early as 12 to 14 months.

- Watch out for pacifiers and finger sucking. They can affect jaw growth and the positioning of teeth. "If you have to choose between them, a pacifier is preferred because it's easier to take away," she said. When it comes to the pacifier, which should go by the age of three or four – and she suggests that enforcing a rewards system is a good way to do it. "It's a good idea to have a stranger reinforce that it's time," she said. "That often has more impact than a parent."

- Diet is important, but sweets can be given in moderation. "I would never say 'No sweets are allowed.' That's not realistic," Dr. Lubetsky said. "Everything is ok in moderation. My dad was a dentist and I grew up with some sweets. It's the frequency of in-

take that's a concern. We recommend shying away from sodas and juices and sticky snacks, which are retained a lot longer. They will cause a breakdown of the teeth. In general, we recommend replacing the carbohydrates and sugars in snacks for fruit and veggies."

- Going to the dentist is not like it used to be. The reason that parents are reluctant to bring their children to the dentist, Dr. Lubetsky said, is because of their own unpleasant memories. "Many kids love coming to the dentist today. We hear parents say they wish it was like this when they went. We always keep it as positive as possible." This includes giving young patients rewards – toothbrushes, flosses, stickers – using puppets to show how to brush and floss, and having them watch cartoons on TV. Also, she cites the technology as being so much more patient-friendly today, from the use of nitrous oxide ("laughing gas") to the replacement of drills with kinder, gentler equipment.

"Good dental health is such an important component of good overall health for children," said Dr. Lubetsky. "That's why it's so important for parents to start promoting this to their children and practicing it from the very beginning."

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Block: 4664 Lot: 1001

The Condominium Unit (the "Unit") known as 720 Unit No. 1A in the building (the Building") known as the 720-724 East 217th Street Condominium and by the street number 720-724 East 217th Street, Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, said Unit being designated and described in a certain declaration dated July 7, 2006, made pursuant to Article 9-B of the Real Property Law of the State of New York (the "Condominium Act"). Together with an undivided 3.14% interest in the Common Elements (as such term is defined in Declaration).

As more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale.

Sold subject to all of the terms and conditions contained in said judgment and terms of sale.

Approximate amount of judgment \$152,366.49 plus interest and costs.

INDEX NO. 380672/09

Leroi Andrews, Esq., REFEREE

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BY FRANK V. VERNUCCIO, JR.

During times of crisis, Americans have always come together. They did so after Pearl Harbor, they did so when the Russians placed missiles in Cuba, and when Al Qaeda destroyed the World Trade Center.

There is a new challenge to our freedom. This attack involves bureaucrats, not bombs, and rules, not rockets. But its potential impact on our freedom is just as severe.

The Federal Communications Commission is attempting to impose a concept entitled "critical information needs" (known by the appropriate-sounding acronym CIN) upon broadcasters and journalists throughout America. It would place Washington bureaucrats in the private internal conversations and meetings of

journalists, media organizations, and even internet sites throughout America.

The breadth of what's covered is a comprehensive list of including just about every type of news the public sees, hears, reads, or surfs. It includes television and radio broadcast content, articles printed in daily and weekly newspapers, and even what's placed on line on the internet. On top of all that, a so-called "qualitative analysis of media providers" would be included.

The White House is attempting to use the Federal Communications Commission to intimidate broadcasters and news writers in much the same way it has used the Internal Revenue Service to attack opposing political groups and has sought to institute a practice which would place its repre-

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sentatives in newsrooms and editorial boards throughout the nation.

Work on the concept began in 2012. The hyper-partisan Annenberg School of Communication, carried out the initial research. The Social Solutions International Corporation was then retained by the FCC to organize a study and a final report, which was issued in April 2013.

This spring, field testing of the concept will begin.

This heavy-handed presidential attempt is so offensive to the First Amendment that even some within the

Federal Communications Commission are crying foul. In a recent Wall Street Journal guest article by FCC Commissioner Ajit Pai that is credited with bringing widespread attention to the issue, Commissioner Pai expressed his concern that this was an attempt to pressure media organizations into providing overage according to the whims of the government.

The flimsy premise to do so is a claim that they are there to insure that listeners, viewers or readers get information bureaucrats consider crucial. The effort is billed as being "voluntary," but the implication is clear: those refusing to comply could be in jeopardy of not having their broadcasting licenses renewed, or be subjected, in the case of print or internet organizations, to other ha-

rasing actions.

The FCC also claims that it wants to "eliminate barriers" for others, including small and minority businesses, to enter into the news field. Commissioner Pai notes that this claim is peculiar. How can the news judgments made by editors and station managers impede small businesses from entering the broadcast industry? And why does the CIN study include newspapers when the FCC has no authority to regulate print media?

Logic bodes against much of what the FCC is attempting to do. There are no barriers, or even much cost, to placing your views on the internet. What possible excuse could Washington have to attempt to intervene in this process?

This entire concept is overtly unconstitutional.

In the past, there were programs, such as the Fairness Doctrine, which mandated broadcast outlets to give equal time to opposing sides. That idea died a well-deserved death. But this latest attack on free speech is wholly different. For the first time, it seeks to allow the federal government to directly intervene in the news process, and to find an excuse to regulate everything you see, hear, read, or pull-up online. It is a Stalinist idea that is completely incompatible with the First Amendment.

It must not be allowed to survive.

Contact COMACTA at nycommunityaction@gmail.com; tune into our affiliated radio broadcasts, and visit our website at comactainc.com.

BY JOSEPH ODDO

Reminder: The Pelham Bay Taxpayers and Civic Association meets on the second Tuesday of the month. Our next meeting will take place on March 11, 2014. The meeting will take place in the Saint Theresa School Cafeteria located at the corner of Saint Theresa Avenue and Pilgrim Avenue. The room opens at 7 p.m. and the meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.

Today we are pleased to announce that Anita Valenti, President, of The Pelham Bay Taxpayers and Civic Association, will be a guest of honor at the 45th Precinct Community Council Annual Breakfast. Anita will be honored for her 40+ years of service to our community.

During those years Anita was and still is involved with most of the issues that affect our quality of life. Whether we agreed with her positions or not, one thing is for sure and that is, she has always had what is best for our community at heart.

So if you are a member of St. Theresa's Parish, Pelham Bay Taxpayers, or you know Anita from some other venue, please make it a point to join us in celebrating her years of service to our community.

The breakfast will be held at Villa Barone. May

14 is the date, from 8:30 to 11 a.m. A \$15 donation for the breakfast will be appreciated.

Please make checks payable to the "45th Precinct Community Council" and mail to: Annie Boller, C/o Abalon, 1040 Home Street, Bronx, NY 10459. For information call: Robert Bieder at 718-828-4400 or Joe Boiko at 718-320-3300, ext. 3409.

On other news a major retailer has announced this past week that it will be opening a branch in Co-op City. We are pleased that H&M Clothing will be our neighbor once the Macy's expansion is complete. This should occur by the beginning of summer.

It is gratifying that major retailers are interested in investing in our community. It would be even more gratifying if the new city administration address itself to the traffic problems which the presence of four new malls will present to our communities.

If these malls, the completion of the 911 call center, the Marriott Hotel along with other office towers at the Metro Center are allowed to become operational without successfully addressing the traffic problems that we already experience we run the risk of encouraging business failures.

The traffic congestion

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which will result will also diminish the quality of life in our communities and also diminish the value of our properties.

Let there be no mistake about this, if we cannot get trucks in and out, if we cannot get our cars in and out, if our subways and metro north become over loaded, the end result may be a community with a reputation that it is one place to stay away from and not invest in.

All this can and must be avoided. The Department of City Planning is currently studying what our traffic problems are along the Hutchinson River Parkway. This is good but it must complete this study as soon as possible and consideration must also be given to the traffic conditions along Westchester Ave, Pelham Parkway, and Bruckner Expressway. The communities that these streets and highway's impact must be protected from traffic congestion. It is bad for business not to mention our health.

Studies have shown that in NYC a NON SMOKER is exposed to the equivalent of

one pack and a half of cigarette smoke just by walking out onto our city streets. We can do better and we must. Traffic congestion is not good nor profitable for our businesses, it is not good nor healthy for our seniors or children, and it is not good nor profitable for our tax base.

Our Departments of City Planning and Transportation have the talent and abilities to tackle this problem and stop a nightmare from getting worse. At the same time they can update our transportation network, so

that it can be an enhancement to our communities. Our political leaders, City and State, have the know-how and ability to secure the funds needed to accomplish this task. What we all must do is support them in any way we can.

Let's wait for City Planning to complete its study. Once that is done we can all decide what are the next steps to take. This issue, having streets that are safe and efficient in moving goods and people is a priority if we are to live in an enjoyable and lively com-

munity that we can all be proud of.

This winter has been brutal and still is. Stay warm and stay safe. When going out be careful.

Our mailing address is Pelham Bay Taxpayers And Civic Association Pilgrim Station, PO box 610124, Bronx, NY 10461. Our annual dues is ten dollars. Please feel free to come to our meetings. They are open to all. If you are new to our community we would love to meet you. See you soon.

## - Correction -

An article in the Feb. 14 edition incorrectly listed the name of ballet

dancer and SUNY Marquette graduate Edward Vilella's wife. Her name

is Linda Villella. The Bronx Times regrets the error.



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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE  
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY  
E\*TRADE BANK; Plaintiff(s)  
vs. LAURA MOISE; et al; Defendant(s)  
Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s): ROSICKI,  
ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 2 Summit  
Court, Suite 301, Fishkill, New York, 12524,  
845.897.1600  
Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and  
sale granted herein on or about September  
25, 2013, I will sell at Public Auction to the  
highest bidder at The Bronx County  
Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room  
600, Bronx, NY 10451.  
On March 10, 2014 at 2:00 PM  
Premises known as 938 Burke Avenue,  
Bronx, NY 10469  
Block: 4575 Lot: 31  
ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of  
land with the buildings and improvements  
thereon erected, situate, lying and being in  
the Borough and County of Bronx, City and  
State of New York.  
As more particularly described in the  
judgment of foreclosure and sale.  
Sold subject to all of the terms and  
conditions contained in said judgment and  
terms of sale.  
Approximate amount of judgment  
\$521,174.13 plus interest and costs.  
INDEX NO. 381103/07  
Larry Alfonso Arias, Esq., REFEREE

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT  
BRONX COUNTY  
BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP F/K/A  
Countrywide Home Loans Servicing LP  
Plaintiff against  
Ramdai Sookhdeo et al Defendants  
Attorney for Plaintiff(s) The Law Office of  
Fein Such & Crane, LLP 28 East Main Street,  
Suite 1800 Rochester, NY 14614 Attorney (s)  
for Plaintiff (s).  
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure  
and Sale Granted herein on or about  
September 5th, 2013 I will sell at Public  
Auction to the highest bidder at the Bronx  
County Courthouse, Room 600 at 851 Grand  
Concourse Bronx, NY 10451  
on March 24th, 2014 at 2:00pm. Premises  
known as 4365 Byron Avenue Bronx, NY  
10466.Sec N/A Block 5047 Lot 42. All that  
certain Plot, Piece or Parcel of Land, with the  
Buildings and Improvements thereon  
erected, situate, lying and being in the  
Borough and County of Bronx, City and State  
of New York . Approximate amount of  
Judgment is \$526,370.37 plus interest and  
costs. Premises will be sold subject to  
provisions of filed Judgment Index No  
381658/2009 .  
Richard Mario Biaggi, Esq. , Referee  
The Law Office of Fein Such & Crane,  
LLP 28 East Main Street, Suite 1800  
Rochester, NY 14614 Attorney (s) for Plaintiff  
(s)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE  
SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF  
BRONX  
SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC.,  
Plaintiff(s),  
Against  
DURAN CARPENTER; et al,  
Defendant(s)  
Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and  
sale duly entered 3/18/2011, I, the  
undersigned Referee will sell at public  
auction at Bronx County Courthouse, 851

Grand Concourse Room 600, Bronx, NY on  
3/24/2014 at 2:00 pm premises known as  
637 East 241st Street, Bronx, NY 10470.  
ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of  
land, with the buildings and improvements  
thereon erected, situate, lying and being in  
the Borough and County of Bronx, City and  
State of New York.  
Block 5105 Lot 5  
Approximate amount of lien \$535,855.31  
plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold  
subject to provisions of filed judgment Index  
# 380333/09  
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the  
Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to  
a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser  
shall have no further recourse against the  
Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagees  
attorney.  
William F. Mackey, JR., Esq., Referee  
Leopold & Associates, PLLC, 80  
Business Park Drive, Suite 110, Armonk, NY  
10504  
Dated: 1/13/2014 File Number:  
0000016126 MNH

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SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF  
BRONX, NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST AND THE  
BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS  
COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN,  
Plaintiff(s), vs. QUARRY CROTONA  
HOMES, INC., Defendant(s).  
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure  
and Sale duly filed on March 15, 2013, I, the  
undersigned Referee will sell at public  
auction at the Bronx County Courthouse,  
Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx,  
New York on March 24, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.,  
premises known as 748 East 182nd Street,  
Bronx, New York. All that certain plot, piece  
or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in  
the Borough of Bronx, County of Bronx, City  
and State of New York, known and  
designated as Block 3097 and Lot 32.  
Approximate amount of judgment is  
\$37,806.29 plus interest and costs. Premises  
will be sold subject to provisions of filed  
Judgment and Terms of Sale. Index Number  
300897-11  
Deidra R. Moore, Esq., Referee  
Phillips Lytle LLP  
Attorney(s) for Plaintiffs  
1400 First Federal Plaza, Rochester, NY  
14614

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE  
SUPREME COURT- COUNTY OF  
BRONX  
SOUTHSTAR II, LLC, Plaintiff -against-  
WILLIAM WHALEY, ET AL., Defendant(s).  
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and  
Sale duly entered December 20, 2013, I, the  
undersigned Referee will sell at public  
auction at the BRONX COUNTY  
COURTHOUSE, ROOM 600, 851 GRAND  
CONCOURSE, BRONX, NEW YORK on the  
17TH DAY of MARCH, 2014 at 2:00 P.M.,  
premises known as 755 EAST 221ST  
STREET, BRONX, NY 10467, further  
described as follows:  
BLOCK 4669 AND LOT 20-21  
ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of  
land, with the buildings and improvements  
thereon erected, situate, lying and being in  
the Borough and County of Bronx, City and  
State of New York, being bounded and  
described as follows:  
BEGINNING at a point on the Northerly  
side of East 221st Street, distant 230.32 feet

Westerly from the corner formed by the  
intersection of the said northerly side of East  
221st Street and the Westerly side of Barnes  
Avenue; and from said point of beginning;  
RUNNING THENCE Northerly and  
parallel with the Westerly side of Barnes  
Avenue, a distance of 114.31 feet;  
THENCE Westerly and parallel with the  
Northerly side of 221st Street, a distance of  
50.06 feet more or less;  
THENCE Southerly and again parallel  
with the Westerly side of Barnes Avenue, a  
distance of 114.31 feet to the Northerly side  
of said East 221st Street;  
THENCE Easterly and along the  
Northerly side of said East 221st Street, a  
distance of 50.06 feet, more or less, to the  
point or place of BEGINNING.  
Premises known as 755 East 221st  
Street, Bronx, New York.  
Approximate amount of lien \$738,000.78  
plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold  
subject to provisions of filed judgment and  
terms of sale. Index Number 380820/2009.  
RICHARD TOLCHIN, ESQ., REFEREE  
DOONAN, GRAVES & LONGORIA, LLC  
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff  
100 Cummings Center  
Suite 225D  
Beverly, MA 01915

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT  
COUNTY OF BRONX DEUTSCHE BANK  
NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS  
TRUSTEE FOR HSI ASSET  
SECURITIZATION CORORATION TRUST  
2006-HE2, Plaintiff, against RICARDO  
SANTOS, EUNICE SANCHEZ A/K/A  
EUNICE BATISTA SANCHEZ, et al.,  
Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of  
Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 3/24/2009 I,  
the undersigned Referee will sell at public  
auction at the Bronx County Courthouse,  
Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, City of  
Bronx, NY on 03/24/2014 at 02:00PM,  
premises known as 1003 East 217th Street  
and East 217th Street, Bronx, NY 10469 All  
that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with  
the buildings and improvements erected,  
situate, lying and being in the Borough and  
County of Bronx, City and State of New York,  
Block: 4700 Lot: 29, Block: 4700 Lot: 30,  
16-4700-29. Approximate amount of  
judgment \$485,365.12 plus interest and  
costs. Premises will be sold subject to  
provisions of filed Judgment Index#  
17543/07, Lisa Jadidian, Esq., Referee  
Gross, Polowy & Orlans, Attorney for  
Plaintiff, P.O. Box 540, Getzville, NY 14068  
Dated: February 13, 2014

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE  
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF  
BRONX, NYCTL 2011-A TRUST AND THE  
BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS  
COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN,  
Plaintiff(s), vs. GWENDOLYN MCIVER-  
WILLIAMS, Defendant(s).  
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure  
and Sale duly filed on December 30, 2013, I,  
the undersigned Referee will sell at public  
auction at the Bronx County Courthouse,  
Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx,  
New York on March 3, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.,  
premises known as 1059 Ward Avenue,  
Bronx, New York. All that certain plot, piece  
or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in  
the Borough of Bronx, County of Bronx, City  
and State of New York, known and  
designated as Block 3715 and Lot 41.  
Approximate amount of judgment is

\$66,178.33 plus interest and costs. Premises  
will be sold subject to provisions of filed  
Judgment and Terms of Sale. Index Number  
306071-12  
Harold Beeler, Esq., Referee  
Phillips Lytle LLP  
Attorney(s) for Plaintiffs  
1400 First Federal Plaza, Rochester, NY  
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NOTICE OF SALE  
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF  
BRONX, NYCTL 2011-A TRUST AND THE  
BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS  
COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN,  
Plaintiff(s), vs. 1761 BRONXDALE CORP, et  
al., Defendant(s).  
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure  
and Sale duly filed on August 21, 2013, and  
an Order to Amend Judgment of Foreclosure  
and Sale to Substitute Referee duly filed on  
October 8, 2013, I, the undersigned Referee  
will sell at public auction at the Bronx County  
Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand  
Concourse, Bronx, New York on March 24,  
2014 at 2:00 p.m., premises known as 1761  
Bronxdale Avenue, Bronx, New York. All that  
certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate,  
lying and being in the Borough of Bronx,  
County of Bronx, City and State of New York,  
known and designated as Block 4046 and  
Lot 27. Approximate amount of judgment is  
\$2,465.58 plus interest and costs. Premises  
will be sold subject to provisions of the filed  
Judgment and Terms of Sale. Index Number  
307800-12.  
Dominick Calderoni, Esq., Referee  
Phillips Lytle LLP  
Attorney(s) for Plaintiffs  
1400 First Federal Plaza, Rochester, NY  
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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE  
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF  
BRONX, NYCTL 2009- A TRUST AND THE  
BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS  
COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN,  
Plaintiff(s), vs. 1155 TRUST, Defendant(s).  
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure  
and Sale duly filed on August 20, 2012, I, the  
undersigned Referee will sell at public  
auction at the Bronx County Courthouse,  
Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx,  
New York on March 24, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.,  
premises known as 1155 Fteley Avenue,  
Bronx, New York. All that certain plot, piece  
or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in  
the Borough of Bronx, County of Bronx, City  
and State of New York, known and  
designated as Block 3747 and Lot 51.  
Approximate amount of judgment is  
\$9,025.30 plus interest and costs. Premises  
will be sold subject to provisions of filed  
Judgment and Terms of Sale. Index Number  
381341-10  
Steven I. Lubowitz, Esq., Referee  
Phillips Lytle LLP  
Attorney(s) for Plaintiffs  
1400 First Federal Plaza, Rochester, NY  
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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE  
SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF  
NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX  
BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE  
PARKCHESTER NORTH CONDOMINIUM,  
on behalf of the unit owners of the  
Parkchester North Condominium, Plaintiff, -  
against - JEAN PAUL SANCHEZ, et. al.,

Defendants. Pursuant to a Judgment dated  
May 8, 2013, I will sell at public auction on  
March 17, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 600 of  
the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand  
Concourse, Bronx, New York, the  
Condominium unit in the Parkchester North  
Condominium known as apartment 1G, in the  
building known as N-9 a/k/a 116, and by  
street address 2240 East Tremont Avenue,  
Bronx, New York, and designated as Tax Lot  
3192, in Block 3944 of Section 15 on the tax  
map of the Borough of Bronx, together with  
an undivided .0272 percent interest in the  
common elements of the Parkchester North  
Condominium. The amount due under the  
Judgment is \$11,532.52, with interest, costs,  
etc. Sale subject to terms of sale and  
provisions of the Judgment herein, including  
being subject to a mortgage held by  
Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems,  
Inc., as nominee for HSBC Corporation  
(USA), in the original principal sum of  
\$163,900.00 with interest.  
Index No. 380631/11. SANFORD B.  
GLATZER, ESQ., Referee, ROY,  
MONDELLO, LAROCCA & RISOTTO,  
ESQS. Attorneys for Plaintiff, 828 South  
Broadway, Suite 100, Tarrytown, NY 10591  
(914) 591-7722

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE  
SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF  
NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX  
THE PARKCHESTER SOUTH  
CONDOMINIUM, INC., on behalf of its unit  
owners of the Parkchester South  
Condominium, Plaintiff, - against - LEE  
SANCHEZ, et. al.,  
Defendants. Pursuant to a Judgment  
dated March 5, 2013, I will sell at public  
auction on March 3, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. in  
Room 600 of the Bronx County Courthouse,  
851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York, the  
Condominium unit in the Parkchester South  
Condominium known as apartment MF, in  
the building known as W-6 a/k/a 157, and by  
street address 1420 Wood Road, Bronx, New  
York, and designated as Tax Lot 3273, in  
Block 3937 of Section 15 on the tax map of  
the Borough of Bronx, together with an  
undivided .0052 percent interest in the  
common elements of the Parkchester South  
Condominium. The amount due under the  
Judgment is \$5,482.42, with interest, costs,  
etc. Sale subject to terms of sale and  
provisions of the Judgment herein. Index No.  
381008/11. MARK BERNSTEIN, ESQ.,  
Referee, ROY, MONDELLO, LAROCCA &  
RISOTTO, ESQS.  
Attorneys for Plaintiff, 828 South  
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BY IRENE GUANILL

A Pelham Bay Merchants Association meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 18th, at the Shamrock Inn, 1729 Crosby Avenue, starting at 6:30 p.m.

Many restaurants and businesses have received fine in the recent past and what some consistency as to why the fines are distributed and to be updated of the new laws.

At this point when an inspector enters your business they look around and you as the owner are not really sure you are in compliance or not because you do not have any place to look up the new laws.

Many local businesses

have complaint to me regarding ticketing. The fines are getting out of hand again.

Forever Young Hair Salon has been forced out of business due to the rent, the fines and other cost of doing business.

She has currently merged with Lilly's Hair/Nail Salon who gave her a start in the business before she ventured out on her own.

Maggie states, "The inspectors enter the business and check for petty items but never look to see if all the working staff are licensed by the department of state".

This is a growing con-

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cern. Maggie also states that when the inspector gives you a fine, he doesn't come back and verify the cause of the original fine is rectified, but another inspector shows up and gives you a fine on a totally different thing.

How and where should she go to find out the rules and regulations for salons?

Rochelle of Kids Kut had the same complaint when she was fined for not

posting a sign of the rates on her wall. She has been in business for 17 years at the same location and had no idea she was suppose to post only one set of prices vs prices for men and prices for women. W

here do we go for the rules?

Lucia Mariani of Lucca's and Ellen of Honey's Thai Pavilion have also been fined recently and want consistency.

Ellen states, "I will follow the rules if I just knew what the rules were."

As the representative of the Pelham Bay Merchants Association we are working together to get an answer.

We want consistency, we

would like a website to visit for the rules for the different types of businesses.

As for myself being in real estate, we have that function up and running but the many restaurants and salons and other local businesses are not clearly represented with clear and concise rules.

It seems to be up to the inspector to decide what will be fined and it seems more opinionated than factual. Fighting the fines is not a possibility because the overhead has to be met before we can think of feeding our families as a small business.

More and more businesses are merging like

Forever Young and Lilly's Nail Salon.

We need to save the small business.

The Subways on Crosby is also affected by the overhead bills. He bought into the business thinking he would strive and survive and just the opposite is happening.

Not only is he failing at the Crosby location but he has been dipping into savings for too long to get by.

Everyone needs to understand times are hard enough and we need to pull together to get out of debt.

We will be discussing the issues of the small business at our next meeting.

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rina but she disappointed us as well by saying that it turned out to be such a beautiful day! She is an educator and anyone working in a school at any point in their life has to know that keeping the schools open in a major snow storm just does not make sense. Worse than that it is dangerous! Dangerous for the children that we are supposed to protect, the teachers, the parents, the bus drivers, the lunch staff, custodians, security and office staff.

So, why would our mayor choose to keep our schools open when he is telling everyone else to stay off of the roads for their own safety. It has everything to do with the perceived image of what our school system is supposed to do. Our local officials just don't have it right. Teachers are educators not babysitters. Parents are supposed to have an alter-

nate plan in place when the schools must close. The school system is not responsible for the nutritional upkeep of its students. Parents are in charge of seeing that their children have a good breakfast, lunch and dinner every day. If that is not happening, that family needs much more than a hot meal on a snow day and should be reported to social services. Does it make sense to make a parent and child risk very real harm in a snow storm so that the child can have a good lunch?

Does anyone think of what actually happens in a school when it remains open in a major snow storm? In this last storm less than

half of the students made it to school. Many teachers and staff travel far, on the roads the mayor said to stay off of, to get to school. Many could not even get off of their blocks or out of their driveways to make the journey and those that did risked harm doing so. When they got to school many could not find parking or had to dig out a parking spot.

The Sanitation Department has a hard enough job keeping our roads clear with snow storm after snow storm piling up snow and ice. Pennsylvania not only closed their schools but suspended and then reduced bus service so that their snow plows could do a good job clearing the snow. But here, our schools are open causing thousands more cars to be on road.

As Ms. Farina knows, when teachers are absent

their classes are often split up and sent to other classes, sometimes those classes are not even on the same grade. Therefore, not much learning can go on. Depending on how many teachers are absent, the number of children in each class can rise to dangerous levels instead of the usual 30. Many of the lunch staff will not be able to make it to work and when that happens, the menu must change and usually that means no hot lunch. If the security person cannot make it in, that puts everyone in the building in danger. The custodial staff usually comes in early for snow removal but if they cannot make it in everyone risks falls walking over the ice and snow.

In spite of all of this, I still hope that Chancellor Farina will make positive changes in our schools. I have faith that she will try

to make our classrooms not only safe but a place where kids want to be. She is an educator and I believe that she will listen to the parents, children, teachers and other school staff and do what makes sense. Our children deserve it and so do our teachers.

### March Meeting

Our March meeting will be on March 13th at 7:30pm at PS 14. We are hoping to have staff from the 45th precinct as our guest speakers. They will speak about the security survey where they inspect your home for security breaches. They will provide you with suggestions on how to keep your home and family secure from crime.

If you have not sent in your dues for 2014, please bring it with you to the meeting. If you have new neighbors, why not ask them to join us.

BY MARY JANE MUSANO

Oh no, more snow! I just want to know when it all will go!

I think it's making everyone crazy, especially our local officials. It certainly appeared that way at a recent press conference with Mayor De Blasio and Chancellor Farina. Responding to the major uproar as to why they chose to keep the NYC Public Schools open, the mayor blamed the weather reports. What he did not explain was how he came to his decision when all of the other school districts in our metropolitan area heard the same weather report and decided to close their schools. The catholic and private schools in NYC were closed. The public and private schools in Westchester, New Jersey and Connecticut were closed. I had such high hopes for Chancellor Fa-

BY PAUL GOLLUSCIO

Hello all!

Saturday, March 29, holds a special day for the tens of thousands of Vietnam Veterans throughout the city- namely, the Annual Vietnam Veterans Day. It was on March 29, 1973, that the last 2,500 American Combat Troops were withdrawn from the battle fields of Vietnam. we solemnly commemorate the 41 Anniversary of this date and reflect on the significance for the past, present and future generations. There will be activi-

ties in the lobby of the 55 Waters Street building in lower Manhattan., which is adjacent to the famed Vietnam Veterans Memorial Plaza. More info from Pat Gaultieri of the United War Veterans Council, Inc. Call 212-693-1476. email him at Patuwvc@aol.com

For you 77th Infantry Division Vets, The Mid-Winter Meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, 19 March 14 beginning at 6 PM at the Swan Club, 99 Glenwood RD. Glenwood Landing, Roslyn, NY 11547. reception and dinner. is spon-

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sored by the 77th Infantry Division Reserve Officers Association. Cost is \$45.00 Per Person and the dress is business casual. Want to know more? call SGM Anthony Filosa at 917-279-0744 or E-mail him at filosaa@aol.com.

Operation: Good Jobs

connecting Vets and military families with the work they need and the support they deserve. call 718-371-7286 or E-mail OG3@goodwillnynj.org

The snow and parking challenges kept me out of the Post last Friday, But I'll be there behind the stick this Friday. So come on out of hibernation and cure your cabin fever.

More Hollywood real heroes: Efram Zimbalist, Jr., U. S. Army got a Purple Heart for wounds suffered at Huertgen Forest.

Rod Serling, U. S. Army

Jumped into Tagaytay in the Philippines with the 11th Airborne in the Pacific and was wounded in Manila.

Gene Autry was with the Army Air Corps and ferried supplies as Crewman on transports over the Hump in the China-Burma-India Theater (CBI).

William Conrad (Canon) was a Fighter Pilot with the Army Air Corps. More next week.

Trivia Time!!

The USS Maine was sunk on February 15, 1898.

Remember the Maine. What war did this lead to?

King Tut's Tomb was unsealed on February 16, 1923.

Geronimo died on February 17, 1909.

Martin Luther died February 18 1546.

The first prize in Crackerjacks was found on February 19, 1912.

George Washington created the first Post Office on February 20, 1792.

Keep the troops in your prayers, take a vet to lunch and God bless.

LEGAL NOTICES

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BRONX 226TH FUNDING ASSOCIATES, A NEW YORK GENERAL PARTNERSHIP, Plaintiff against 849 EAST 226TH STREET, INC., et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale dated August 8, 2013 and entered on September 11, 2013, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on the 17th day of March, 2014 at 2:00 PM premises situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, being more particularly bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the northerly side of East 226th Street, at the dividing line between Lot Numbers 274 and 240 on said map which point is distant 280.03 feet westerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the northerly side of East 226th Street with the westerly side of Bronxwood Avenue; being a plot 114.36 feet by 25.01 feet by 114.36 feet by 25.01 feet.

Said premises known as 849 EAST 226TH STREET, BRONX, NY  
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STEPHEN B. KAUFMAN, ESQ., Referee.  
Novick Edelstein Lubell Reisman Wasserman & Leventhal Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 733 Yonkers Ave., Yonkers, NY 10704-2659

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SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS WITH

NOTICE  
ACTION TO FORECLOSE A MORTGAGE  
SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF BRONX  
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR CARRINGTON MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2006-NC4 ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, Plaintiff,  
-against-  
ARLENE M. BARTLEY; ALBERT S. BARTLEY, if he be living or if he be dead any heirs-at-law, next-of-kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors, successors in interest, and generally all persons having or claiming, under by or through Albert S. Bartley, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise any right, title or interest in and to the premises described in the complaint herein; NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU; NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; ALVA BARTLEY, Defendants.

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your Answer; or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance upon the Plaintiff's Attorney, within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the date of service or within thirty (30) days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York. If you fail to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Dated: Elmsford, New York. August 19, 2013

NOTICE  
YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME

If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home.

Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property.

Sending payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action.

YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR CARRINGTON MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2006-NCE4 ASSET-BACKKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.

Karen B. Olson, Esq.  
Law Offices of Knuckles, Komosinski & Elliott, LLP  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
565 Taxter Rd., Suite 590  
Elmsford, New York 10523

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

NOTICE TO OCCUPANTS: EMIGRANT BANK IS FORECLOSING AGAINST THE OWNER OF THIS PREMISES. IF YOU LIVE HERE, THIS LAWSUIT MAY RESULT IN YOUR EVICTION. YOU MAY WISH TO CONTACT A LAWYER TO DISCUSS ANY RIGHTS AND POSSIBLE DEFENSES YOU MAY HAVE.

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: The foregoing summons is served upon you

by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. Larry S. Schachner, a Justice of the Supreme Court, Bronx County, dated June 24, 2013 and filed with the complaint and other papers in the Bronx County Clerk's Office, Bronx, NY.

NOTICE OF OBJECT OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT

THE OBJECT of the above-entitled action is to foreclosure a mortgage to secure \$476,000.00, plus interest, recorded in New York City Register's Office in the County of Bronx on September 1, 2006, in CRFN: 2006000498577 and which mortgage was assinted to the Plaintiff herein as later evidenced by written instrument dated February 13, 2012 and sent to be recorded with the New York City Register's Office in the County of Bronx covering premises described as follows:

767 Adee Avenue, Bronx, New York a/k/a Block 04570, Lot 0002.

The relief sought in the within action is final judgment directing the sale of the premises described herein above to satisfy the debt secured by the mortgage described above.

The Plaintiff makes no personal claim against any Defendants in this action EXCEPT Arlene M. Bartley.

HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE

NEW YORK STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT WE SEND YOU THIS NOTICE

ABOUT THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS, PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.

SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT

YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME. IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION, YOU MAY LOSE YOUR HOME. PLEASE READ THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT CAREFULLY. YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT AN ATTORNEY OR YOUR LOCAL LEGAL AID OFFICE TO OBTAIN ADVICE ON HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

The State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure, in addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid office, there are government agencies and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process.

To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Banking Department at 1-877-BANK-NYS (1-877-226-5697) or visit the Department's website at WWW.BANKING.STATE.NY.US

FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS

Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are

individuals who watch for notice of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Bid will be received at the Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club at 1930 Randall Avenue, Bronx, NY 10473 until 5:00 pm on Friday, March 7, 2014. For meal catering services at Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club, 1930 Randall Avenue, Bronx, NY 10473 with two other serving areas in the Bronx.

Specification for 395 suppers and 395 snacks may only be obtained by contacting Harold Maldonado at Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club from 10am to 6pm at 917-295-3621.

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**BY LOUIS LUTNICK  
AND STEVEN GLASSER**

The Pelham Parkway Neighborhood Association held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, Feb.11 at Bronx House. Our theme this month was our community board, CB 11. As such we had two excellent and informative guest speakers, Anthony Vitaliano Chairman, Community Board 11 and Jeremy Warneke District Manager, Community Board 11.

Before our guest speakers spoke the general assembly was informed on an initiative the PPNA is working on involving our neighborhood library. There is a movement underway to change the name of the Van Nest Library located on Barnes and Lydig Avenue to the Pelham Parkway library which, the PPNA feels better represents our neighborhood. The PPNA, as well as other organizations in our community, are taking names on a petition in order to present to the proper authorities to show our community's resolve

in this issue. If you are interested in signing the petition let us know we will find a way to make sure you get to sign the petition.

First to speak was CB 11 Chairman Mr. Vitaliano who described in detail the inner workings and the role of the Community Board and how it affects and assists the residents within its borders. The process usually starts when various Neighborhood Associations and organizations reports problems to CB 11.

The CB documents the problems and the staff begins working on it using their multi-political and city agency contacts to accomplish its goals and solve the issue. The Community Board has a rapport with its elected officials and all city agencies and knows the who, the what, and the where when it comes to dealing with these problems and resolving them. Mr. Vitaliano also informed the audience of the importance of having a partnership with the local police precincts in the CB 11 jurisdiction. It helps to



facilitate the process when dealing with community issues that only the police can resolve.

Mr. Vitaliano also gave us some information of how the Community Board members are chosen and what they are composed of. Community Board 11 currently has 49 (a max potential of 50 members are allowed on a CB). Its executive board members including a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, and a Recording Secretary. All board members are appointed by the Borough President. Each member serves a 2 year term. There are currently 59 Community Boards in the city and the size of each is determined by the recorded (i.e. Census) residents of that community. There are currently 113,000 recorded residents in CB11.

Our second speaker was CB 11 District Manager Jeremy Warneke. He encouraged the audience to email him at [jwarneke@cb.nyc.gov](mailto:jwarneke@cb.nyc.gov) <<mailto:jwarneke@cb.nyc.gov>> with any community concerns. The main theme he conveyed to us was 311 and how to use it effectively to solve community problems. Also 311 will sometime close a case when it has really not been resolved. This is why we should ALWAYS get a reference number from 311 and then call his office at 718-892-6262 so that his office can follow up on an issue.

Our course given the weather the biggest issue that was brought up at the meeting was the snow not being plowed in our neighborhood. This problem is being exasperated by the Con Edison work currently being done on Lydig. Our bus stops are also not being cleaned properly. Literally on the 12 bus stop on Pelham Parkway North and White Plains Rd there is a river of water for days after we get snow. The same

can be said for Lydig and White Plains Rd. As per CB 11 District Manager we must call 311 on these issues and his office. He also mentioned taking pictures on our phones and emailing it to him to help show the seriousness of these issues. He also mentioned that his office and Senator Klein's office is aware of it and Senator Klein's office will be assisting by hiring temporary contractors to shovel the crosswalks and bus stops.

Mr. Warneke also touched on the work being done by Con Ed is necessary because they are working on increasing the size of the underground pipes because many landlords are converting to #2 and #4 oil because it burns more cleanly. Many landlords are also in the process of converting to gas heat. The new pipes will be able to accommodate this conversion. The project is slated to be completed in mid-March at the time of this writing. The many pot holes on Pelham Parkway and Lydig Avenues are also on the CB11 agenda to be ad-

dressed.

One resident brought up an important ongoing problem at the Pelham Parkway North train station located above Dunkin Donuts. Since there is NO token booth clerk on duty it seems vandals are messing with the machine from which we purchase our metro cards from. The purpose of this is so the vandals can sell "swipes" to the community, since they cannot buy metro cards. This is of course illegal. Many residents agreed this is an ongoing condition that needs to be acted on. Jeremy listened intently to the residents and action will be taken.

The next meeting of the PPNA will be Tuesday, March 11, 7: p.m. at Bronx House. We will have excellent informative guest speakers lined up to provide information on healthcare and the new laws that are in effect. Get involved, show up and speak up with keeping your community a safe, clean, and secure place to live.

**BY MARCIA ANNE PAVLICA**

Still another snow to clean up, and I'm sure you are just as tired as anyone else in these parts of the weather activity which we have had to live through since the New Year. Our January meeting was cancelled, and although we made calls to many, and asked everyone to pass the message on, I am sure some were missed. We are truly sorry, but we couldn't even leave a message on the Civic Association answering machine, as the telephone lines for eight of us on the block were inadvertently torn down during the street storm sewer construction.

The Villa Maria also made the decision to close. Our next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, February 26th at the Villa Maria Academy, 3335 Country Club Road at 7:30p.m. in the one story building as you enter the campus, that is weather permitting. During these past 40 years, January and February meetings have frequently been hit by ice and snow storms, prompting us to recess for these two months. Every neighboring civic group here in the northeast Bronx did as well,

and still does.

We hope to be telephone operational by then (We have been out of telephone service since December 11th! Attention please, Verizon) and in case of inclement weather, we'll leave an appropriate message on the answering machine. The number of local meetings that experienced the same problems with weather related cancellations was numerous.

An E mail from the Van Nest Association arrived yesterday, and with all of us very conscious of Identity theft, we will pass the information on to you, Neighbors. If you are contacted by an individual and they want you to dial 90 #, please do not comply with their request. Verizon indicated that this was a scam to gain access to your telephone line or cell number which enables long distance calls to be made and then billed to you. Some knew of this scam, possibly 10 years old, others did not.

For those of you are a computer friendly, check out [www.snopes.com/fraud/telephone/jailcall.asp](http://www.snopes.com/fraud/telephone/jailcall.asp).

The storm sewer construction continues all through this crazy winter



weather. People are overjoyed that the thirty foot deep holes are filled, covered and blacktopped but there's nothing down there except the lengths of new sewer pipe; they still have to be connected to new chambers and there are over 50 catch-basins to be installed. So, the big tinkers toys will be digging up again, and lowering down the chambers and connecting up. Still no street parking permitted at various locations. I am parked two blocks away. We will be lucky if we see restoration of the streets by June.

As hard a winter as this has been, and as so many meetings were cancelled and/or postponed, many of us have continued with our weekly "chats", thus further cementing our civic association relations. It's always nice to hear from them: Chester Civic and their wonderful newsletters, and Locust Point Civic (glad you were

able to rebuild after Sandy) and our Neighbors on City Island to name just three.

Monday it is Pelham Bay Taxpayers, Tuesday is Ferry Point, then Waterbury La Salle...Because we all have much in common, and many have the same concerns, de-

spite the various names of our communities.

With the opening of Target on Brush Avenue and the outlets in the former Whitestone Theater, and the Macy's complex at Bay Plaza, we are all concerned about traffic and the health hazards

the traffic will bring to our neighboring communities.

We all seem united in this concern and ready to work together. And I think that all of us believe: "Your home extends beyond your property line. Take pride in your Community."



**BY TONY SALIMBENE**

Tony F. reports that our Annual Amazing Belly Bomber Bingo will be on February 26 at 6pm at the rec room of the Nursing Home section of the Bronx VA Hospital. Help is always appreciated.

On the 16th March we will not meet as usual because we will be at the Annual Throggs Neck St. Patricks Day Parade. There's a 9am Mass and breakfast at St. Benedict. We form up @11:30 at Lafayette and E.Tremont to step off promptly at noon. All are invited to march along.

We will have our regular monthly Post Meeting on the 23rd of March. Commander Joe would like to start around 10am with a brief video in his continuing series of information on the history and inner workings

of The American Legion. We will then convene at 11am for our meeting and at 12noon we reconvene at the American Turner's club room. Commander Joe invites all eligible veterans to stop by and consider joining us.

Colleen and crew will have another Support The Troops Bingo on March 28th at the Sam Young Post 620. It's only 5 bucks to get in, a lot of prizes and fun and of course BINGO! Doors open at 6:30.

The Department Commander's downstate visitation will be held as usual in April and as usual at An-

tun's in Queens. Seats fill up fast so please act now if you would like to attend.

appy to announce that stories from a veteran's writing project has been published and one of the featured writers is our own Jeremy Warneke, currently District Manager of Community Board 11. It will be a pleasure for me to personally purchase a copy and present it as a modern addition to our Bronx Military Veterans Museum! Thanks to Gene, Veronica, Christine and crew for helping with a fancy inventory book of Joe's museum. Nice job and very important.

On a sad note, Angelo of the Throggs Neck Post 1456 passed away. He was a friend to the Korony Post, a heck of a cook and will be missed by all.

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# TN community reaches out to fire victims

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to accept cash donations in church and at the rectory, and gift cards to local department stores because they did not have the ability to accept clothing and household items, he added, with the drive continuing through the weekend.

“They suggested and asked if we could help them out financially and with pre-paid cards, and

people have been really good about that,” said Norton.

“It is tough because of the fire of course, but the people who own the building were in the process of trying to bury a grandmother,” he added.

## Hampered by storm

The four-alarm blaze tore through 1018-20 Dean Avenue the day of one of the worst Nor’easters of the season, starting on

the first floor and quickly spreading the second and third floors.

The snow fall and winds from the Nor’easter made fighting the fire especially difficult, since two attached homes are only one block from Eastchester Bay, said Fire Department spokesman Frank Dwyer.

“It made for very difficult conditions,” with the winds fanning the fire

even more, said Dwyer. “In addition, there were issues with frozen hydrants that our firefighters had to overcome.”

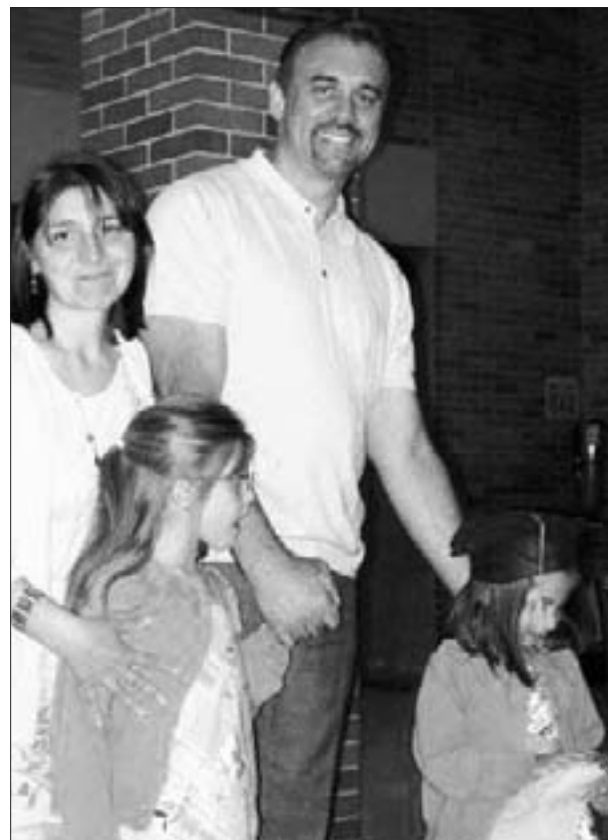
“The wind was blowing from the bay, and the firefighters were trying to spray water on the fire,” said neighbor Richard Tagliarino, “but it was going the other way.”

He said he saw a child being taken out of the building in an ambulance.



Firefighters had an especially difficult time fighting the blaze because of the snowstorm and the wind from the direction of Eastchester Bay.

by Edwin Soto



The Pirraglias are seen here during a graduation of the St. Benedict’s School Playhouse. Their home sustained the brunt of the damage.

courtesy of Bailey Provetto

## Frozen hydrant

Neighbor Anne Fucci, said she saw firefighters trying to open a hydrant, “but it was frozen.”

“The firemen did an excellent job,” she said. “They

were here all day long and I saw how they performed.”

It took 170 firefighters to put out the fire, which was first reported at 9:25 a.m. and under control by 12:26 p.m.

## State of the Borough Address

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for the Bronx.

It ranged from applauding the coming of the new Kingsbridge National Ice Center to announcing an effort to finally fix, once and for all, the dreaded Cross-Bronx Expressway.

## Looking to the future

With an eye to the future, the speech also focused on bringing four Metro-North commuter stations to the borough, ferry service to Soundview, and finding an intelligent re-purposing for the General Post Office on the Grand Concourse.

Because of print deadlines, this story is based on an advanced copy of his speech, delivered Thursday at Hostos College on the Grand Concourse before a crowd of city and local electeds, civic, business and other leaders.

As he enters his second full term in office, Diaz’s fifth State of the Borough speech came as the borough has seen dramatic drops in crime, undergone a major shift in education with dozens of new charter schools, and a growing economy in both retail and commercial enterprise.

## Partnerships

“The Bronx is transforming, all around us. We are writing a new chapter of the history of our borough,” Diaz said according to his draft speech. “And we are doing so in strong partnership with our institutions, businesses, elected officials, non-profits and, most importantly, the 1.4 million citizens who call the Bronx their home.”

Citing his new theme, he said “We are modernizing the Bronx—creating the “New Bronx”—and ensuring its strength and vi-

talities not just today, but for centuries to come.”

Focusing on safety, Diaz cited “huge gains in crime prevention...setting the pace for the entire city.”

## Safer borough

With crime down to levels not seen since the early Sixties, he noted that the Bronx, by certain measure, is now a safer place to live than such cities at Philadelphia and Boston “and much safer than New Orleans or Washington, D.C.”

Noting that his office has pumped almost \$24 million into 173 educational projects since he took office in 2009, Diaz pledged to keep working with school and university leaders “at every level to discuss capital needs, curriculum and the shared issues that face our public schools.”



Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr., here hitting the streets in July 2013, believes the Bronx is booming.

Photo by Aracelis Batista

## Jobs and housing

And while the borough still struggles with some of the highest unemployment numbers in the state, Diaz pointed to the creation of more than 14,000 local jobs.

On the booming housing front, he boasted in-

vestments of more than \$600 million, with nearly 13,000 new units.

“We are a place of growth, a place where new business is moving and existing businesses are expanding,” he noted. We have seen hundreds of millions of dollars in new

housing, and thousands of new jobs. We are seeing major new projects built here, and even bigger ideas on the horizon. We’re getting safer. We’re marketing ourselves as a destination, and we’re receiving national and international attention for our efforts.”





## PIPE DREAMS

By Bob Connolly

## Random Winter Games Evidence

Greg Cote (Miami Herald) told us that, "The Winter Olympics are not as popular as the summer games, and I think it's because too many winter sports have bizarre names. Here are a few I'm looking at and what they mean to me.

Curling (which involves a broom): Activity taking place in a women's hair salon.

Slopestyle: Plastic surgeon jargon for a nose job technique.

Certain other events are not Winter Olympics sports yet but should be. These include synchronized ice fishing, yodeling, avalanche surfing, and rhythmic shivering."

The Motto for the Olympics has been "Faster, Longer, Higher." Does this sound like Team Ice Dancing belongs?

### B Advice To Woody

Ian Begley (ESPN.com) wrote about Jeff Van Gundy's advice to Mike Woodson, "Van Gundy was asked on ESPN Radio's "The Ian O'Connor Show" if he had any advice for Woodson.

His message was simple: ignore the outside noise.

"Just do your job and don't feel the need to update the media on your feelings because it doesn't matter," Van Gundy said. "Just do your job. You know how to coach and you've done it very well there. I wouldn't apologize to anyone if I was him because I

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# Close finishes at Millrose Games

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Conor Lundy took a chance that nearly paid off.

The Fordham Prep sophomore made an early push to take the lead during his anchor leg of the CHSAA boys' 4 x 800 relay at the Millrose Games last Saturday at The Armory. Lundy was hoping to take Chaminade's Andrew Dorritie.

"When I make a move I just try to intimidate them just so it makes it look like I have a lot more [stamina] than I have, but the kid stuck with me and did a really nice job," Lundy said.

He held the lead until the final 30 meters. Dorritie took away what looked like sure win by surging around the final turn and nipping Lundy at the finish line. Lundy fell to the track from exhaustion. He tried to kick and had nothing left.

"My muscles fatigued and everything," he said. "I just couldn't hang on."

Chaminade won the race with a time of 7:53.03. The Rams team of John Tannian, Joseph Prunty, Franklin Newton and Lundy were second in 7:53.30. Fordham missed a chance to win the event for the first time in 2009. I

t was Prunty that put his team in position to grab the victory. He pushed from third to the front of the pack with two laps to go in his second leg and even opened up a lead before watching Chaminade close the gap.

"I really don't have that big of a kick, so I just wanted to get ahead as much as possible and just give my team the best position," Prunty said.

He and the rest of his teammates were upset they didn't win. They took solace in a new personal best time and known Lundy gave it everything he had.

"Heran his heart out," Prunty said. "I know would have all liked to win, but there is nothing you can do. Conor ran great."

Fordham Prep wasn't the only Bronx team on the wrong end of close finish. The Mount St. Michael came into the Millrose Games boasting the fastest time in the state this season in the 4 x 200 relay at 1:29.48, run just eight



Fordham Prep's, Conor Lundy, sprints to the finish as he runs anchor during the 2014 Millrose Game CHSAA 4X800 Relay, at The Armory Track, in New York City, on Saturday February 15, 2014.

Robert Cole



Mount St. Michael's Keelin Thomas anchors the CHSAA 4X200 relay during the 2014 Millrose Game, at The Armory Track, in New York City, on Saturday February 15, 2014.

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days. A repeat performance was not to be.

A slow handoff from Denzell McKeithen, who was leading at the time, to anchor leg Keelan Thomas slowed up the Mountaineers just enough. The team of Anton Porter, Kasim Thomas, McKeithen and Keelan Thomas place second with a time of 1:30.08 and St. Anthony's won with a mark of 1:29.37.

"I was in the lead when I gave

him the stick, but St. Anthony's just passed him," McKeithen said of Keelan Thomas. "I kind of thought he would keep the lead.

The anchor leg felt he let his teammates down. The sophomore, running his first Millrose Games said he learned the importance of going as hard as he can until the last meter.

"I was very disappointed," Keelan Thomas said.

Fordham Prep's team of Malik Crossdale, Frank Perez, Thomas Matera and late fill in Chris Grey were third in the event with a time of 1:32.37. The Rams felt they should be not less than No. 3 coming into the race and feel they are only going to get better moving forward.

"We still have a long way to go," Crossdale said. "It's championship season now so we are coming along."



# SCA Cheerleaders Triumph at Nationals

Competing against the best teams in the country at the 2014 UCA (Universal Cheerleading Association) National High School Cheerleading Championship in Orlando, Florida, the St. Catharine Academy Varsity and JV Cheerleaders turned out championship performances. The only nationally ranked teams in the Bronx, the Varsity and JV left for Orlando on February 4th motivated to keep their ranking. The results did not disappoint.

The JV Cheerleaders, competing in the Small Junior Varsity Division, placed 5th in the nation. The Varsity, with many new members, retained their standing tying for 6th in the nation in the Small Varsity Division II for the third year in a row.

The UCA National Competition is considered the most prestigious event held in high school cheerleading and is the only cheer competition recognized by and televised by ESPN. The cheerleading routines are judged on execution and difficulty of partner stunts, pyramids and tumbling. Scores are also awarded for jumps and dance, crowd leading ability and overall cheer impression.

When the JV cheerleaders took the mat in Semi-final competition on Saturday, February 8 they were one of twelve teams competing in the Small Junior Varsity Division. Eight teams qualified for finals.

The same energy fueled the Varsity. Thirty-six teams qualified for preliminary competition. The 36

teams were narrowed down to 15 teams to vie for first place in the nation.

The SCA Varsity cheerleaders performed a strong routine, earning very high marks for the clean, precise routine. In the end, the Varsity took 6th place in the nation in UCA's Small Varsity Division II. "Having the Varsity rank so well in such a difficult division is a great accomplishment," said Coaches Nicole Pennacchia Sallustio and Christine Roth. "This year we replaced nine members from the 2013 team. Our goal was to still be a strong team in the finals. We did just that and more. Maintaining our 6th place rank was an incredible achievement for our team. It shows that SCA has such a strong program."



St. Catharine Academy Junior Varsity Cheerleaders.



St. Catharine Academy Varsity Cheeleaders.



Cardinal Spellman coach Jane Morris (third from the right) is surrounded by her former players prior to picking up her 700th career win.

Photo by Joseph Staszewski

## Spellman coach Jane Morris reaches 700 wins

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Cardinal Spellman coach Jane Morris lost in her first attempt at career win No. 700 in a weekend defeat to Moore Catholic, but it allowed for a even better atmosphere when she hit the milestone.

Her home gym was filled with colleagues, family, friends and former players as the Pilots girls' basketball coach reached the mark with a 61-52 win over rival Preston on Jan. 11. The 60-year-old Morris, who was also a star player at Spellman, has been coaching at the school for 40 years. She is 700-214 and one of New York State's all-time winningest coaches.

Her players arraigned for red and white streamers to be thrown from the bleachers. Morris was presented with flowers and a 700 sign. Senior guard Theresa Tartarone's father brought a cake that the players preceded in smearing all over her face. Morris joked that it was because they missed her with the water in the Gatorade cooler.

"Everyone was just having a really good time," she said. "That was the best part of it really. It really was fun."

She said the only reason why she started keeping track of her wins was because she was asked when Spellman went to the New York State Federation Tournament for the first time. Morris, a member of the GCHSAA Hall of Fame, kept every scorebook since

she started and had to go through each to get the number. She has won three CHSAA state titles and a Federation crown in 1999.

Morris began coaching at a time when women's basketball was moving out of its infancy. They still played six on six and with different rules from the guys until her junior year of high school. She went on to play at Lehman College and reach the NCAA tournament.

Morris coached the Spellman junior varsity before practices and games during her freshman and sophomore seasons at Lehman after graduating high school in 1961. She took over the varsity the following year. She was coaching girls just three years younger than her, some of whom she was a friend with. Morris told them right away they had to separate that when she was their coach. They appreciated her knowledge of the game and how much she cared for them.

"No [coach] even comes close to her," said Lisa Toscano, a member of her first varsity team. "That's why I am back now. If you played for Jane, you played for the best."

Morris almost didn't keep the job. She took the test for the police department after graduating Lehman. The recession at the time kept the NYPD from hiring and Morris was offered a job teaching physical education at Spellman a year later. When the police

department finally called she had no designs on leaving.

"I was there very firmly entrenched and happy with what I was doing," Morris said. "I didn't go."

She also was one of the driving forces being the formation of the CHSAA's girls' league in the early 1980. At the times teams just played their local regular season schedule. Morris, who is also a Spellman athletic director, has watched the game evolved more since then and has adapted to it. Her sideline demeanor however remains the same.

"She doesn't get upset too much," said Gail Sullivan, who played on Morris' first squad.

Morris always wanted to do whatever she could to help her players blossom.

"She will let you play your game, which is different from other coaches," said senior forward Maria Backman, who is headed to Michigan. "She doesn't want to mold you for the better meant of a program, she is more into letting you find yourself."

Her affection for her kids is why seeing the emotions pour out of her following the 700th win was something that gave her player great joy. Morris is usually even keeled, yelling when needed, but never losing her composure.

"She doesn't show much emotion," Backman said. "Seeing her have a smile from ear to ear was pretty cool."



# Wings tops Kennedy for PSAL borough crown

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

The Wings boys' basketball team understands winning the borough title is an important step towards making a run at the city championship. It also knows it will need to play better if it plans on claiming the later after a number semifinal defeats in the citywide post season.

The Wings were up and down in a 78-56 win over Kennedy to claim their second straight crown in the PSAL Bronx title game at CCNY on Sunday. They led just 25-17 at the half and saw Kennedy get as close as 54-46 in the fourth quarter. Turnage wants his group to be smarter and more consistent on both ends of the floors.

"I'm trying to get them to understand that in order for us to win the big championship and get over that semifinal hump we have to play better than the way we did today," he said.

Turnage got a big second half from star center

Jessie Govan. The junior scored 21 of his 24 points after the break. Govan, after being hurt by first-half foul trouble, was running the floor, hitting the glass and attacking the basket starting early in the third quarter. His dunk put Wings up 38-25 with 4:42 left in the frame.

"I felt like I wasn't leading my team in the first half so I had to turn it up," Govan said. "That's what happened."

The Wings (23-3) also saw senior guard Foday Sankaray score 13 of his 20 points in the second half and point guard Desure Buie added 11 points. Sankaray connected on a huge 3-pointer that put Wings up 59-46 with 5:25 remaining in the game. It was one of a number of big shots he hit on the night as defenses key on Govan and Buie.

"It leaves me open," Sankaray said. "I can make plays"

Kennedy, despite the loss, is playing its best bas-

ketball of the season. The Knights have won five of their last seven games, with both losses coming to Wings. Anthony Cruz tallied 15 points by hitting five of Kennedy's 10 3-pointers. Darius Webster added 14 and Pani Akumah had 11 in the borough final.

Legendary coach Johnny Mathis stated it took he and his staff some time to find the right combination of players. Kennedy needed to play smaller and faster to be successful. His team has the firepower to surprise some team in the playoffs.

"I think we will be able to continue on," Mathis said.

Wings is hoping to do the same thing, but its goal stretches all the way to the Barclays Center for the city title game.

"We won the borough's chip, but that wasn't our goal coming into the season," Govan said. "The goal is to win the whole thing."



Wings celebrates its PSAL Bronx boys' basketball title at CCNY.

Photo by Joseph Staszewski

## Pipe Dreams: Knicks Bench; Possible New Knicks

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think he's handled himself very, very well in a difficult situation."

The Knicks are 20-31 and in tenth place in the Eastern Conference, two games behind Charlotte for the eighth seed. They've lost four of five, leading to another round of widespread speculation that Woodson's job is in jeopardy.

Van Gundy called the constant speculation over Woodson's job "very, very unfair."

If Woodson is let go, the Knicks would likely consider a big-name coach such as Van Gundy or John Calipari, among others, to bring in over the summer.

Van Gundy has said that he has no interest in taking over a team in the middle of the season.

### Knicks Bench

I think that Mike Woodson has done an outstanding job coaching the Knicks, give the tools (players) with which he's

had to work. Last season his coaching brought the team to heights that had been only hopes. This MUST be remembered and because there isn't anyone out there who can do better than Woodson would do.

### Possible New Knicks

The Klucks are still trying to trade Shumpert. He might be the only attractive player to a trade partner. Kenneth Faried's name is coming up a lot. Faried is a 6-8, 225 power forward who shoots a little over 50% from the foul line (I don't know where he'd fit in the rotation. Jordan Hamilton (6-7, 220 sm. Forward) might come with him in a salary equalization deal. I don't think either one of these guys are an equal of Shumpert. But I've got to remember that it's the Knicks making this deal and they haven't had many successes in the market.

### Sports Quiz

Dwight Perry (Seattle Times) asked-

"Peyton Bender is:

a) A three-star QB who signed with Washington State

b) The no.1 reason that Broncos fans were unable to get to work on super-Monday."

### Last Look Back

Bob Molinaro (Hamp-tonRoads.com) commented, "We get it now: Seattle had the better team; the younger, quicker, more aggressive athletes. Still, I don't think enough has been said about what a poor job John Fox and his staff did getting Denver ready for the Super Bowl. Though it's always simpler just to blame the quarterback."

### Dog Show

Norman Chad compared the Westminster Dog Show to Woodstock; but without Wavy Gravey. The headline act was Hound, Setter, Beagle, and Hound (Arlo Corgi sang Alice's Dog Treats). "The Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show is a four-

legged Woodstock; better yet, rather than a once-in-a-lifetime experience, it's a once-a-year ritual. Dogs come from all over the world for the chance at canine fame and getting their mug on CNBC and USA Network. Once again, intrepid Siberian husky Chuchi's Yuki kept an exclusive journal for Couch Slouch on his week in New York." He even picked up a painting of dog owners playing poker.

### Mea Culpa

Jack Finarelli (The Sports Curmudgeon) commented about the possibility of an apology by Alex Rodriguez. "There will be a mea culpa eventually once the image handlers have polished the text and have determined that the time is right to present 'contrite A-Rod'. The problem they will face at that point is that 'contrite A-Rod' makes 'belligerent A-Rod' from the last six months look like an even bigger liar."

## Preston HS Varsity Cheerleading Team Heads to Nationals for Third Year

For the third year in a row, The Preston High School Varsity Cheerleading Team attended the National High School Cheerleading Competition in Orlando, FL. On Thursday, February 6, 2014 the team boarded their plane bound for warmer weather looking for a win.

Over the last few months the Varsity Cheerleading team has been working hard practicing and raising funds for the trip to Orlando. They even hosted a special cheerleading competition for elementary school teams at Mount Saint Michael High School in the fall.

The team left the school on Thursday excited and eager to get to the tournament.

On Saturday afternoon the Varsity team advanced to the semi-finals for the first time during this competition. The PHS Cheerleaders prepared for the semi-finals round, but unfortunately their journey ended there. "Everyone at Preston is extremely proud of the Varsity team's accomplishments this year. We know that they will continue to work hard and make us even more proud during the upcoming 2014-2015 season," stated Principal Jane Grendell.

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